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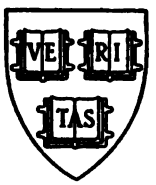

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P. 5, sixth line from bottom add, "and part of Bloomfield."
P. 3, for April 1, read April 4th.
P. 12, eleventh line from bottom for "sixteen" read "twenty-one."
P. 13, eighteenth line from top, after rods read "and eight links."
P. 14, sixth line from top, for 182 feet read 188 feet.
P. 17, tenth line from top, after war, read "or when."
P. 18, nineteenth line from bottom, for Mr. read Mrs.
P. 24, seventeenth line from top, for 204 years read 194.
P. 26. Robert Watson's, and five succeeding Grants were in 1673.
P. 27. For Wooley, read Woolery, or Woolworth.
P. 28. School Lot, note, read "for the support of a school."
P. 29, second line from top, read Loomis & Norton's "Paper Mill."
P. 31. Read Thomas Copley married "Ruth Denslow."
P. 36. Add "James King was a cooper."
P. 37, ninth line from top, for John read "Samuel."
P. 38, fourth line from top, for Turner's Falls, read "Hatfield."
P. 39. James Rising was not at H. College 1646. His minister at the Bermudas (Rev. Nathaniel White), was graduated at H. C. 1646.
P. 41. Add "Thomas Smith was a weaver from Ipswich, Mass."
P. 42. Jonathan Taylor, sen., of Springfield, died in Suffield, 1683.
P. 43 (*) Star after Trumbull sixth line, belongs after Trumbull fourth line.
P. 44. Robert Old; in his later years practiced medicine; and had the title of Dr. in the records.
P. 71. (‖) after "westward" in sixteenth line belongs after "lot' in twenty-first line, in place of *.

INTRODUCTORY.

SUFFIELD was settled chiefly by the sons, and daughters of the first emigrants to New England.

Many of the first settled towns contributed to the number, especially Springfield, and Windsor.

To search and collate from these widely scattered sources, whatever might lift the veil, and remove the accumulated mosses of two centuries, has been a laborious, but pleasant task.

Another might have performed the work more perfectly, but none with more love for it, or desire that these treasures be perpetuated.

These Documentary Collections, and Acts of the Committee for planting the town, are the foundations, upon which the superstructure was built, and compose a first, distinct period in its history.

The second period will embrace the years 1682–1715 inclusive. After the latter date, the proprietors of the undivided common lands, kept their acts, and records separate from those of the town. These proprietors' books are in two volumes, and well preserved.

The third period; will embrace the years 1716–1749 inclusive, at which latter date, Suffield transferred its allegiance from the Massachusetts, to the Connecticut Colony.

It is not in accordance with the plan I had proposed to myself, that any portion of these pages should be given to the public, until the Volume was complete. Circumstances have changed this intent, and these memorials, of the initial period of our town's history, are committed to the keeping of those who now possess this grand heritage, and their successors whose feet shall press, and whose eyes shall look upon, these hills, and vales, in the limitless future.

H. S. S.

WEST SUFFIELD, CONN., June 28, 1876.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Suffield:

SIRS:—Having had occasion to search the early Town Records, while preparing a short sketch of the History of the Second Ecclesiastical Society, I have become impressed with their value; also the great danger that they may be blotted out of existence in a single hour, by fire.

This is to ask permission to make a copy (for publication at my own cost) of such parts of those Records as the writer may deem most desirable to be preserved.

Respectfully yours,

H. S. SHELDON.

H. S. Sheldon, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 23d inst. is received. We cheerfully accord to you permission to make such copies from the Town Records as you desire, and to publish the same as you may deem proper. We have long been aware of the danger to which our Town Records are hourly exposed; and we are sure that the Town must be under a lasting debt of gratitude to you, for your generous efforts in placing an important portion of its priceless record beyond the contingency of irrecoverable loss.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN J. SHELDON,
SAMUEL WHITE,
JARVIS W. CASE.
} *Selectmen.*

SUFFIELD, June 23, 1876.

PREFACE.

Believing that no History of Suffield can be so complete or valuable to the descendants of its founders, as the records themselves, accurately transcribed, the writer has modified a first plan, and will commence this work by making a copy of the petitions, grants, and orders to and from the Massachusetts General Court; also the acts of the Committee appointed by it to settle the town.

This plan, with explanatory notes, involves much labor and research, as well as expense.

Many matters pertaining to the Town's History previous to A. D. 1749, can only be found in the Massachusetts Colonial Records at Boston, the Probate Records at Northampton, and the Land and Town Records at Springfield. After that date, the Connecticut Colonial Records, the Hartford Probate Records to 1821, and the Suffield Records, contain similar important matter.

The original first volume of *Suffield Town Acts* is much worn, and the first sixteen pages, containing the acts of the Committee to April 1, 1677, are lost.

Fortunately the Town, in 1771, ordered a copy to be made of that part of the old volume which related to the "Tenure of Lands."

This copy is now Vol. 1 Suffield Land Records, and includes the entire acts of the Committee to 1682, and all grants and allotments of Land to 1724; but omits the records of the Town Meetings, which contain the only existing account of the trials and struggles of our ancestors for more than fifty years. These have been transcribed; and the ancient orthography will be preserved from and after the date April 1, 1677.

The old volume is before me! From pure reverence the writer has, in its 206th anniversary year, procured for it a new

binding, to save, if possible, what remains. No care can much longer shield it from Time's ravages—the preserving power of types and press alone can save the treasures it contains. Its dingy pages, fading ink, and crumbling leaves, make the transcription a labor.

This work is a "labor of love" on the part of the writer and transcriber. If others shall derive the same pleasure in studying the Town's early history, or a new interest shall be awakened in perpetuating the annals and memorials of our noble ancestors, he will be amply rewarded.

HEZEKIAH S. SHELDON.

SUFFIELD, December 25, 1876.

OUTLINE SKETCHES

OF THE

HISTORY OF SUFFIELD.

HARTFORD and Saybrook were settled by the English in 1635; Wethersfield in 1634; Middletown, in 1650; Haddam, in 1662; and Lyme, in 1667. These towns were all that were settled in the Connecticut Valley, below Windsor, prior to 1670.

Windsor* had at this date six or seven hundred inhabitants, and a territory on both sides of the river, forty-six miles in circumference, and nineteen Indians to one Englishman.† Within the town of Windsor only, there were ten distinct tribes or sovereignties. Their bowmen were reckoned at two thousand. It was the general opinion that there were nineteen Indians in that town to one Englishman.

SIMSBURY.

Simsbury,‡ on the south-west, was incorporated in 1670. It contained thirteen Freemen, and other male inhabitants (not Freemen), in all perhaps thirty. The Indians (Massacoes) numbered several hundred. Until the war of 1676 they vastly exceeded the white population; at which time the town was burned, provisions, produce, furniture, fences and farming utensils were collected into heaps, and burned. The town remained deserted for a year, and no attempt was made to rebuild it.

Simsbury then embraced nearly the whole of the present towns of Simsbury, Granby, East Granby and Canton.

It was settled from Windsor, and was the twenty-first town incorporated within the Connecticut and New Haven Colonies, which became one in 1665.

SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield, the parent town of Suffield, was settled in 1636, by families from Roxbury, and was called "Aguam" or "Agawam" until

* Barber's History Coll.
† Trumbull's History of Conn.
‡ Phelps' History of Simsbury.

1640; when the inhabitants in "Town meeting assembled," gave it the name of "Springfield;"* complimentary to Mr. William Pynchon, who came from a town of that name in England.

Its boundaries were indefinite, but it embraced portions of Westfield and Southwick, the whole of the present territory of Springfield, West Springfield, Agawam, Chicopee, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Longmeadow, Enfield, Somers and Suffield.

In 1673,† it was a small village "containing possibly 400 inhabitants, men, women and children, and 71 qualified voters;" 1,500 would doubtless be an extravagant estimate of the white population in the Valley in Massachusetts at that time.

WESTFIELD.

Westfield (Woronoco), as early as 1643, was a trading post, and a trading house had been built there by permission of the Connecticut Court, which at that time claimed jurisdiction over the place.

It had a few permanent settlers in 1650, and was incorporated in 1669.

A pathway from Windsor to Northampton via. Westfield, for men, horses and ox-carts, across Suffield, was in use at an early period,‡ and kept in repair by people of those towns.

It was settled by people from Springfield, Northampton and Connecticut.

NORTHAMPTON.

Northampton (Nonotuck) was settled in 1654, principally from Springfield and Windsor. It embraced the territory now included in North, South, East and West Hampton, and part of Hatfield and Montgomery.

HADLEY.

Hadley was settled in 1659 by a company from Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor, in Connecticut, and incorporated a town in 1661.

HATFIELD.

Hatfield was incorporated in 1670; Deerfield was settled the same year, and incorporated 1673.

These were the only settlements in the valley, in Hampshire County; Suffield being the sixth town incorporated in Western Massachusetts.

Hampshire County was formed in 1662, and was composed of three towns, Springfield, Northampton and Hadley.

* Bliss's Address.
† "Holland."
‡ Judd's Hadley, page 44.

Enfield had no permanent settlers until about 1679, and was incorporated in 1683. It was also a part of Springfield, then called Freshwater; afterward Endfield—now Enfield.

STONY RIVER, SOUTHFEILD, SUFFIELD.

In the year 1660, the Massachusetts General Court granted to several persons a sufficient quantity of land to make a plantation, at a place called Stony River, on both sides of the way to Connecticut, seven miles square. It is probable that an attempt was made at settlement at that place, and soon abandoned, and the grant became void. None of these petitioners ever afterward became settlers of the town.

January 14, 1669, the selectmen of Springfield recommended to the town to make several grants of land "att towards: or about, Stony Ryuer; and that if it were ordored, and managed aright; it might make a fine village, or small Plantation."

This was followed by a petition to the General Court in May, 1670, for a Grant for a new town. The petition was granted by the magistrates, but denied by the deputies.

On October 12, the same year, both branches of the General Court confirmed the Grant. This Grant was six miles square on the west side of the "Connecticott," toward Windsor. In 1671 the committee extended the town one and a half miles further west. Complete copies of all petitions, grants, orders and deeds, pertaining to the settlement of Suffield, are in the succeeding pages.

TOPOGRAPHY.

In 1670, the territory now embraced in Suffield was a wilderness, heavily timbered, principally with chestnut, pine and oak. It was estimated that it had but five hundred acres of meadow, or interval land, which was deemed the most valuable by the early settlers, the lack of which was a principal reason why the towns, above and below, were first settled.

Between the river and the mountain are several hilly ridges, with intermediate valleys, and streams of water running northerly and southerly across the town, emptying into Stony River. Upon these ridges were the trails, or paths leading to and from the towns above and below, and where the highways were afterward laid, and still remain. Upon one of these ridges was the "Northampton Road," sometimes called "Hampton Road," and sometimes the "Country Road."* This was the first road in use in Suffield; used certainly as early as 1643, and made a "County Road" by Hampshire County

* County Road.

Court in 1664. (This is now Christian or South street; Remington street and Hasting's, or Zion's Hill Road.)

At this time the "Northampton Road" ran along the easterly side of Zion's Hill (then called "Long Hill"). The first permanent settlers located on this road, and the first (so-called) division of lands was here.

Upon the next ridge east, "High street" was laid. High street extended only from the "Horse way" (now the "Old Factory Road") on the south, to the "Springfield Road"* (now Crooked Lane) on the north. This was called the second division or place, with a double tier of lots.

Upon the ridge nearest the river was the third place with a single tier of lots. This was called "Fether street" (now Feather street). Tradition says it derived its name from the number of feather peddlers who lived there. This cannot be true, as it had the name before it was inhabited by the whites, viz., 1671. It was probably first called Ferther street, then Fether street, from its remoteness from High street.

"Stony River," deriving its name from its rocky bed, (now Stony Brook,) has its rise within the town. Fed by the innumerable springs and streams that issue from the mountain on the west, Agawam Plains on the north, and Windsor Plains on the south, it furnished many mill sites. The undrained swamps were natural reservoirs, making the water supply continuous. Now Stony Brook is of little value for its *mill sites;* but, with its numerous branches, it furnishes admirable drainage and water supply to nearly all parts of the town east of the mountain.

Upon some small open fields, or plains, were a few Indian families, as relics often found there indicate.† They were numerous about the Fall sabove Stony River (Lacowsick); and below (at Squotuck), attracted thither by the admirable fishing grounds.

The "Great Swamp" lay at the eastern base of the mountain, a half mile or more in width, extending from Springfield to Simsbury lines. Along the eastern border of this swamp was the "Hampton Path," leading from Poquonnoc to Westfield, through what is now West Suffield Center, and "Rattly Road," then called "the road across Rattlesnake Plain."

The mountain was densely wooded, and then, as now, a prominent and attractive feature in the landscape of the town. It was supposed to contain valuable mines of copper and of iron. On this account it

* This "way" or road is alluded to in the Grant of 1660.

† On land of Geo. A. Douglas, Esq., upon the west bank of the Connecticut River, between Rawlin's Brook and the Falls, was an extensive Indian burial ground.

was held as "sequestered common" until 1742, when it was divided into 114 proprietors' lots, of four to six acres each, and drawn for by lot.

West of the mountain lay an unexplored wilderness. Seventeen years later, (1687,) the town appointed a committee to make explorations west of it. The last partition of common lands to proprietors—included this part of the town, and was made in 1759.

INDIAN TITLE.

Many of the towns in the valley have recorded deeds from Indian chiefs, of lands embraced within them—procured by purchase either before or after settlement.

No deed* of Suffield as a township, from any Indian chief, has been found.

Its lands were included as a part of Woronoco (Westfield) in 1647, when the General Court ordered "that Woronoco upon the Connecticutt River (west side) should be part of Springfield."

The Pynchon deed informs us that the Indian Title to our lands was obtained in separate parts, and from different chiefs.

The northerly part was purchased of Pampunkshat, and was included in his deed of "Waronoco" to John Pynchon. This strip of land extending southerly from Springfield line, (now Agawam,) bounded east on the river down to "Lacows," or "Lacowsick," about the Falls—thence out westward the same breadth to Westfield bound" (then the top of the mountain).

The southerly part was bought by Major Pynchon of "Misnouasques," alias "Margery."

This purchase included the land about the Falls, called "Lacows," or Lacowsick—also "along the Great River, a great way below Stony Brook, toward Windsor," the land being called "Squotuck," "Mayyawag," "Wecups," etc. From the "Great River" this tract extended westerly many miles—taking in the ledge of mountains, and "Ashawalas" and "Wenekeiamaug," and all the swamps thereabouts down toward "Masacoe." This embraced what is now a part of East Granby, Granby and Windsor; and a large part of Suffield.

The sum paid for the whole, by the proprietors, to Major Pynchon, was forty pounds. He purchased the whole from the Indians for the sum of thirty pounds.

* Bliss's Address says there was one.

COLONIAL AND TOWN LINES.

Springfield (called Agawam until 1640) was settled in 1636, by William Pynchon and others, who at that time, it seems, supposed themselves within the Connecticut Patent, and sent deputies to that General Court. In 1638, they became satisfied they were in Massachusetts, and appointed Mr. Pynchon magistrate; and applied to the General Court for protection, and rejected Connecticut jurisdiction thereafter.

The boundary line between the colonies was unknown, and it was a fruitful source of discord between them for many years, involving the border towns in the same quarrel.

The south line of Massachusetts * "runs west from a point three miles south of the most southerly branch of Charles River, and every part of it." This point was fixed by Nathaniel Woodward, by order of court in 1638—and in 1642, two surveyors, Woodward and Saffery, were ordered to run the line between the colonies. They fixed the line upon the east shore of the Connecticut River at Windsor, near Warehouse Point, about twenty rods below *where the Warehouse* was afterward built.

This line was accepted by Massachusetts and assented to by Connecticut. Windsor, east of the river, was bounded north upon it, and west of the Great River, it bounded north on "Kettle Brook."†

After the settlement at Suffield was begun, dissensions arose between its inhabitants and those of Windsor. Windsor claimed Stony River for its north line. Suffield claimed to the old line of Woodward and Saffery, which is about a half a mile below the foot of the Falls. In 1671, Massachusetts caused this line of 1642 to be continued west of the Connecticut River seven and a half miles.

Connecticut remonstrated, and in 1672 Massachusetts proposed as a compromise to state and settle the bounds, "forty rods below the foot of the Great Island against the Falls." The concession was not accepted; and in 1674 the act establishing the town of Suffield stated the south boundary, "about a half a mile below the Island, near the foot of the Falls."

Connecticut was dissatisfied, and in 1680 proposed to Massachusetts, that commissioners be appointed to run the line "with due care and good instruments, so that a final issue of the controversy may be had." Massachusetts not accepting the proposal, Connecticut, in 1694, appointed a committee to run the line, and became satisfied that the

* Webster's History of U. S.
† Conn. Gen. Court, 1686.

true line between the colonies was several miles north of that made by Woodward and Saffery. The great sufferers in this uncertain condition of the boundaries were the inhabitants of the border towns, who often came to blows, within the disputed territory.

In the year 1700 further attempts were made to procure an amicable settlement of the dispute.*

The line was run by the commissioners of both colonies in 1702, and found to fall north of the former line, but Massachusetts disagreed to the report. In 1708, Connecticut appointed commissioners with full power to run the line and establish the boundaries; and "Resolved,† that unless Massachusetts would unite to complete the business, they would apply to the Crown." After several years spent in negotiation, an agreement was concluded in 1713.

July 13 of that year, commissioners of the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies, agreed upon the terms for a settlement of the boundary line between them.‡

The colony line was found to be north of the towns of Suffield, Enfield and Woodstock. These towns were settled under grants from Massachusetts, and it was agreed that they should remain under that jurisdiction; Connecticut receiving an equivalent of 105,793 acres of land in the western part of Massachusetts. These lands were sold by auction in 1716 at Hartford, and bid off by William Pitkin for other parties, for the sum of £683, New England currency, or $2,274. Five hundred pounds of the money was given to Yale College.

In 1713§ the line between Suffield and Enfield, and Windsor and Simsbury was adjusted. Windsor lost 7,259 acres. It had claimed as far north as the mouth of Stony Brook, on both sides of the Great River. This settled, for a time, a controversy which had long existed, and caused much bitterness of feeling between these towns, and was one of the main reasons why the towns of Suffield and Enfield consented to remain within Massachusetts jurisdiction, so long after it was known that they belonged to Connecticut.

In 1747,‖ "Suffield, Endfield, Woodstock and Sommers," petitioned to the Connecticut Assembly for admission to the liberties and privileges of that colony. In May, 1749, the petition was granted, and Connecticut extended its jurisdiction over these towns, in these words:¶

"Whereupon this Assembly, having considered the said memorial, are of opinion, that, as it doth not appear that ever the said agreement

* Webster's History of U. S.
† Conn. Col. Rec.
‡ Conn. Col. Rec.
§ Conn. Col. Rec., pages 391, 564, Vol. 1706–16.
‖ Vol. 9, pages 801, 889.
¶ Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. 9, page 481.

hath, so it never ought to receive the royal confirmation, and that as the governments could not give up, exchange, or alter their jurisdictions; so the said agreement, so far as it respects jurisdiction, is void.

"And thereupon this Assembly do declare, that all the said Inhabitants which live south of the line fixed by the Massachusetts Charter, are within and have the right to the privileges of this government—the aforesaid agreement notwithstanding."

Massachusetts suffered no wrong or injustice in this matter, as she retained both the territory, and jurisdiction of the equivalent lands.

For twenty years after, Massachusetts continued to assess these towns, but the taxes were not levied.

Connecticut could not prevail upon Massachusetts to unite with them in establishing a boundary line, made neccessary by the revolt of these towns. Both colonies referred the dispute to the Crown; and Connecticut was successful in maintaining its claims and jurisdiction.

The claim of Massachusetts to these towns and a part of Southwick, (west of the mountain and now a part of Suffield,) was formally renounced in 1803; Connecticut at the same time renouncing her claim to a part of Southwick, (which included a part of the ponds,) but gaining her claim to that part of West Springfield which had been in dispute.

The line west of the Connecticut River, which had remained unsettled more than one hundred and fifty years, was established in 1803. East of the river it was established in 1826.

TOWN LINES.

The north line of Suffield in 1671, from the Connecticut River west to Westfield bounds, (at Rising Notch,) afterward became the State line, and so remains.

The distance from the Great River to the south-west corner bound of Springfield, (now Agawam,) and the north-west corner of Suffield, at Rising Notch, was stated to be four miles and a half when first run in 1674. The actual distance, by the line of 1803, is five and a quarter miles and sixteen links.

The east boundary of the town was the "Great River," and extended "South from Springfield line six miles upon the square," which is to-day about its width.

The south line, supposed to have been the colonial line, was long in dispute as before related. The Town Records indicate that fierce contentions arose between the inhabitants of this and the towns of Windsor and Simsbury; which terminated in 1713, when the colonial lines were adjusted. By this adjustment Simsbury retained the disputed territory; and Suffield was dismembered of its south-western corner, embracing an area of not less than 5,000 acres. As an equiv-

alent for the losses sustained, the Massachusetts General Court, in 1732, granted to Suffield Proprietors a tract of land six miles square. This tract* is now covered by the town of Blandford. It was sold to Christopher J. Lawton.

The west line† from Springfield's south-west corner bound, (at Rising Notch,) ran southerly along the top of the mountain, about two miles to a White Oak Tree,‡ which was the south-east corner bound of Westfield. From this bound the line between the towns of Westfield and Suffield extended westerly several miles, and so far southerly as to leave all the ponds within the town of Westfield (now in Southwick). The land between Westfield and Simsbury lines belonged to Suffield, but was in dispute. In the settlement of 1713, Simsbury retained a large portion of it.

By the adjustment of the State line in 1803, Suffield acquired a tract of land about two miles square, lying on its north-west border between the top of the mountain and the "Ponds."

The State line§ was extended westerly from Springfield bound (at "Rising Notch") two miles and twenty-nine rods, crossing "Concongomonk Plain" to a stone monument at the middle pond, twenty-two links east of low water mark; thence on the east shore of said pond, as the same runs southerly, etc.

There seems to be no good reason why this line should not have been continued west without a break, which would have left the south part of Southwick‖ and a large portion of the Ponds in Connecticut, where they properly belong. The wishes of the inhabitants seem to have governed the commissioners in establishing the line; those living east of the Ponds desired to belong to Suffield, while those west chose to remain in Southwick and under Massachusetts jurisdiction.

The "Ponds," now quite famous as a resort for picnic and pleasure parties, were then esteemed of little value. About 1750 an attempt was made to drain them for purposes of cultivation, by a company of English agriculturists, but proved impracticable. Their outlet was originally through the Agawam River, but was diverted southerly by the Farmington Canal Company, and so remained for many years after the canal was abandoned. Since that time large manufacturing interests have grown up in the valley of the Agawam River, and the Ponds are valuable as a reservoir for water supply. Hence the courts were resorted to for a settlement of the disputes which had arisen

*Holland.
†This line was defined in 1703.
‡About twenty feet of the body of this tree is still standing.
§State Boundaries Connecticut Private Laws, Vol. II.
‖Formerly a part of Westfield, and was incorporated in 1770.

between citizens of the two States, resulting in the restoration of the original outlet.

The "Ponds"* are the summit level of the old Farmington canal between Westfield and New Haven, being 76 feet above Westfield, 36 feet above Farmington, 218 feet above tide water at New Haven, and 182 feet above the Connecticut River at Enfield Falls.

THE TOWN ABANDONED.

The breaking out of "King Philip's War" in 1675, suspended all grants of lands, and the plantation was abandoned to solitude and the Indian.

There is no record of the particulars of the flight of the inhabitants, but it may be supposed, as in other towns that were abandoned, it was in great haste and fear, the people burying their valuables in the earth, and secreting them in wells and swamps.†

At this time there were ten towns in Hampshire County, which included all of Western Massachusetts then inhabited by the whites. The County embraced a tract of land about thirty-six miles in width, on each side of the Connecticut river, and about fifty miles in length northerly from the Connecticut Colonial line.

Five of these ten towns were abandoned and burned, viz.:

Brookfield, Northfield, Deerfield, Suffield and Swampfield or Sunderland.

Judd's History of Hadley‡ says there were 225 persons slain, 110 dwellings, and a less number of barns, were burnt within the County, and some of these were in Suffield.

Springfield was burned October 5, 1675. Major Pynchon's letter to his son Joseph§ (then in London) describing that event says: "All my mills, both corn and saw-mills, are burnt down; those at home, in this town, and also those I had in other places, and four of those houses, and barns to them, which were burnt in this town, belongeth to me also. So that God hath laid me low."

Major Pynchon's saw-mill, near the mouth of Stony Brook, was destroyed at this time and rebuilt in 1677.

Connecticut suffered less, the Indians within its borders being friendly. Simsbury, a border town, was burned March 26, 1676, by a band of marauding Indians from the north, belonging to King Philip's band, or to the Springfield tribe (Aggawams).

*From an original profile of the Farmington canal in the possession of the writer.

†Major Pynchon paid Jos. Trumbull five shillings for "secreting the tooles" at the saw-mill. Pynchon Account Book.

‡Page 188.

§Joseph had a grant of land in Suffield, 1682.

No Indian war had occurred since the Pequot war, forty years before, and the settlers had lived side by side with the red man. The treachery of the Indian character was well known, and constant watchfulness was required, yet no serious outbreak had occurred.

Church's History of King Philip's war estimates the number of Indians in New England at 10,500. "Trumbull" says 600 inhabitants of New England were slain in this war, twelve or thirteen towns entirely destroyed, and 600 families, consisting of 2,265 persons, were in distress. "Bancroft" estimates the loss of property destroyed at half a million of dollars.

This war terminated the occupation of the valley by the Indian as joint tenant with the white man, and the remnant of the hostile tribes fled to Canada and the West. Their knowledge of the best routes between Canada and New England made them valuable guides to the French and a terror to the colonists, during the long French and Indian wars which preceded the conquest of Canada.

Early in the year 1677 the committee announced to the scattered settlers that, "Whereas now thro the favor of God in scattering the Heathen, and giving us some quiet there is hopes of resettling there," they will not claim forfeiture of lands on account of abandonment, but will give them "forty days to declare their intendments, and full resolutions to settle there," and "failing to settle within 18 months, their allotments to be disposed of to such as will."

In the Spring of 1677 nearly all* who had grants settled upon them, and the town started anew upon its march of progress, and in the 200 years which have since passed by, has taken no backward step.

THE FIRST MINISTER.

The act of incorporation required that the inhabitants should procure and maintain some able minister.

In 1672 a house lot for a minister was set apart.

In 1679, November 17, the inhabitants voted "to build a dwelling-house for the encouragement of Mr. John Younglove, to become their minister." On the same day the committee granted him eighty acres of land; the house lot of thirty acres previously set apart for the first minister being a part.

Mr. Younglove had preached acceptably to the people of Suffield for some time previous to his call, and probably became their minister the next year (1680), but not with a full settlement.

Mr. Younglove, (perhaps) son of Samuel, of Ipswich, was appointed with Mr. John Pynchon in 1667, a committee for settling Quabaug

*Samuel Harmon, deceased, and Joshua Wells did not return.

(Brookfield), where he lived several years, and preached a year or two. He was a school-teacher at Hadley from 1674 until his removal to Suffield in 1680.

He had four sons and four daughters, the youngest child (Joseph) was the only one born at Suffield. No mention is made of his salary.

Judd's History of Hadley, says: "The salaries of ministers in small towns did not exceed 150 dollars; which with a farm, and lands, and wood, and with the frugal, economical habits of those days, gave them a good support." He was not a college graduate, but had a good education, as the position he filled would indicate.

His ministry here was not altogether satisfactory, as a few scraps of record show. No doubt his life was one of thankless toil, such as few of the clergy at the present time are called to endure.

In 1686 one acre of Steven Taylor's meadow land was "taken by distress" and conveyed to "Mr. John Younglove for unpaid minister rates due him."

In 1688 he spent six months of the year as teacher of the Hadley Grammar School; probably preaching here upon the Sabbath.

In 1690 the town voted to petition the County Court at Northampton "against Mr. Younglove preaching any longer amongst us."

While the case was pending death dissolved the bond. Worn and exhausted by the long struggle to maintain a large family, this seems to have been a crushing blow, as within two months thereafter he died (June 3, 1690).

His widow survived him twenty years, rearing and caring for her children.

It may be said to the credit of the town, that it provided for the "widow Sarah Younglove," for many years after her husband's decease. Mr. Younglove was made a Freeman in 1676, and was one of the few qualified voters at the first town meeting.

He probably was not an ordained minister, though the prefix Rev. is sometimes found in the record.

The family name has long been extinct in Suffield, but his blood flows in the veins of the Nortons, Grangers, and Nelsons.

FIRST MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The first recorded marriage after the actual settlement of the town began was that of Joseph Harmon, with Hannah Filley of Windsor, January 22, 1673.

Previous to 1692, only magistrates such as the General Court authorized could join persons together in marriage; ministers and justices afterward being allowed.

THE FIRST WHITE CHILD.

It is quite certain that but one child was born at Suffield, before King Philip's War, and this was a daughter to Robert and Susannah Old, named "Mindwell," born February 4, 1674.

Robert Old came to Suffield from Windsor in 1673, and settled on the Northampton Road (called Old street), about a quarter of a mile northerly from the road to West Suffield. Another writer (Sikes) has accredited the *first white child* born at Suffield to Judah and Mary Trumble, March 5, 1674. This cannot be true, as Judah Trumble had not received his grant at this time;* and did not remove from Rowley to Suffield until 1676, after the Indian war, when the town was re-settled in the spring of 1677.

The record of marriages, births and deaths was kept by the clerk of the County Court until 1692. After that, each town kept its own. All births, etc., which had occurred since the settlement of the town, and that of some families previous, were copied into the town book, in the handwriting of Anthony Austin. He has recorded there the birth of three of his own children, born before the town was settled.

The first Book of Records for this purpose bears the date 1702, and was copied from the Court Records, and perhaps other sources, at one and the same time, by Anthony Austin.

A mutilated portion of this volume remains. Fortunately its full contents were copied, and are to be found in Vol. 1 of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

THE FIRST MEETING-HOUSE.

The data for a description of the First Meeting-House is very meager.

It was probably built in the year 1680, and about the time Mr. Younglove became the minister. No mention is made of the building until five years later. There was a place for religious worship, and for town meetings, during this time, and it may be assumed that the Meeting-House had been built.

It was probably a two-story building, as was the custom throughout New England.

It is not supposable that permission would be given to erect "galleries," or that room for a "canopy" or "sounding-board" could be found, above the airy pulpit in a one-story building.

It was built upon the Common, south-easterly from the burial place, "and thereby room enough left on the high land there for training, and other uses, on either side of the Meeting-House."

*Savage's Genealogy.

It stood lengthwise north and south, the pulpit being on one side opposite to the great door on the other. "Mr. Ruggles, his pew," was south of the pulpit, probably the only pew in it, and built as a mark of distinction.

The gallery was built and occupied by the young men; and the floor of the building was filled with rude chairs and benches. It was a frame building clapboarded; but concerning its dimensions, its cost, or what other use was made of it, the Record is silent.

In 1701 the Selectmen were ordered to sell it. This ends its history.

The only allusions to the First Meeting-House found in the Record are the following:

April 6, 1685. "Agreed, & voted to begin the meeting on y^e^ Sabbath, at nine of the clock in the morning: and at half an houre after one of y^e^ clock in the Afternoone; And that the Townsmen shall upon y^e^ Towne's cost procure a ladder, and alsoe a red flagg to hang out for a signe, That persons may know the time for assembling together."

Dec. 26, 1686. "By a cleare vote Goodm^n^ Sikes was chosen to read, and set y^e^ psame on y^e^ Sabbath Day."

Dec. 16, 1695. "It was agreed & voted to put up a canopy, or Sounding Board, over the Pulpit."

"Also that Ensigne Pengilly, & Corporall Allyn in refference to their wives being thick of hearing: it was granted; that, they should have liberty to make them a seat before, or just under the Pulpit, somewhat higher than other seats for the better accommodating of them to hear the word dispensed."

Jan. 12, 1697. "It was agreed and Voted to build M^r^ Ruggles a pew at the South end y^e^ Pulpit" "Also The young men being put by their design of building a gallerie in the place where they had designed to build it: They were by a full & cleare vote allowed to build it at the North end of the Meeting House, and upon their non-acceptance, or refusal soe to doe any other were allowed the same liberty that would."

In October, 1699, it was "Voted to build a Meeting House (the 2^d^ one) 40 feet square"

Aug. 26, 1700. "Voted to set the Meeting House on the top of the Hill against the Burying Place,"

Dec. 16, 1700. "Voted to leave it with the Select Men; and committee the management of what is yet to be done in order to the finishing of the House of God all ready errected,"

March, 1701. "Voted to sell the old Meeting House, when the Town shall have no further occasion to make use of it for the service of God, and to leave the sale thereof with the Townsmen."*

MINISTRY LANDS.

Jan. 12, 167$\frac{9}{1}$, the Committee set apart for the Ministry 80 acres "to be improved, and to be continued for that use forever; and not

*Selectmen.

granted away or sold, or any way alienated therefrom." The 60 acre lot at the upper end of High St. was rented to various persons, and the avails applied to the support of the Ministry, for more than 100 years; when Jan. 3, 1791, by a vote of the Town it was leased for the term of 999 years to Elijah Granger at an annual rental of £21: 1s: 2¼d ($70\frac{4}{100}$), or pay into the Town Treasury the sum of £351.

Elijah Granger sub-let a portion (20 acres) of the Land, in 1798, to Howard Alden, and the remainder to Rev. Ebenezer Gay. Since that time many changes of possession, or title, have occurred, predicated upon the lease of 1791. The annual rent was paid by the different possessors, until 1844, and applied to the support of the Ministry. The heirs of Howard Alden and J. F. Fairchild are now its possessors.

The 20 *acre Ministry Lot* upon the East side of High St. has been leased for short periods of time to various persons, since the settlement of the Town, until Jan. 30, 1834, when it was leased for 999 years to Moses Cornwall, at an annual rental of $70. The present occupants or possessors are Knox Brothers and Benj. F. Hastings, who hold the Land under this Lease.

MINISTRY MEADOW

Is situated west of Taintor Hill and contains about 13 acres. Five acres were set apart at an early period, and eight acres were added in 1716, in the second division of the Lands of the Town. This land was cared for by the Town, and the avails properly applied, until April 1, 1794, when the Town leased it for 999 years to Dan King 2d, at an annual rental of £8: 0s: 10½d ($26\frac{81}{100}$), for the support of the Gospel. This lease for non-payment of rent became void. The Second Eccl. Society have had the avails or control of the Meadow since 1797, and have usually sold the grass upon it yearly to the highest bidder, or leased it for a short term of years.

DIVISION OF AVAILS OF MINISTRY LANDS.

When the Second Cong. Society was formed in 1740 the income from Ministry Lands was divided upon the lists of the taxpayers in the respective Societies. This mode was continued until Dec. 28, 1797, when the two Societies partitioned the lands by agreement, as follows: The First to have three-fifths of the income from the 60 acre Lot, and the whole of 21 (20) acre Lot. The Second to have two-fifths of the income from the 60 acre Lot, and the whole of the Ministry Meadow.

A further division and disposition of the 60 acre Lot was made by the two Societies May 25, 1844, by conveying their interest to Milton

Lester, and Don Pease for the sum of $\$1173\frac{48}{100}$, of which the First Society had three-fifths and the Second two-fifths. This alienation is against the letter and spirit of the Grant. The First Society have spent their share, while the Second have funded theirs in the loan and mortgage to and from H. E. Dibble of $468.

EXTRACTS FROM MAJ. PYNCHON'S ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT WITH SETTLERS FOR LAND.

Stony River alias Suffeild Plantation between Springfield and Windsor, now called Suffeild.

DR.

	£ s. d.
Imprimis: To y^e^ purchase of y^e^ Lands fr^o^ y^e^ Indians stated by y^e^ Committee at their Meeting y^e^ 19^th^ March 1672-3 at	40:00:00
To y^e^ Petition to y^e^ Gen^l^ Cort: y^e^ 2^d^ Petition 10^s^ money at .	00:15:00
The coppy of y^e^ Court Grant	00:00:06
To my paying Goodm^n^ Marshfield for 3 days in laying out Feather Streete High Street &c	00:07:06
For some writings I paid for & other expenses I p^d^ . . .	00:12:00
	£41:15:00

Balanced p^r^ contra by receiving fr^o^ severall p^r^sons of Suffeild y^e^ sum of £41:15:00 Acct^ed^ Feb^ry^ 1681: as follows.

CR.

By my sawmill Lot 60 acres	01:00:00
By Simon Lobdell 60 ac^r^ Lot x*	01:00:00
By Lieut Tyler, for his 2 Sons Lots	01:00:00
By my Corne Mill Lot in Feather S^t^	01:00:00
By Sam Harmon	00:16:08
By Joseph Harmon	00:16:08
June 23^d^ 1674 By Good^m^ Millington	00:18:04
By Joshua Wells x	00:18:04
By Benj^a^ Bartlett s18:04 } x By Sam^l^ Dible s18:04 } x	01:06:08
By Nathanell Harmon	00:18:04
By John Hodge	00:16:08
By Nicholas Rawlins x	00:18: 04
By Increase Sikes x	00:16:08
By Victory Sikes	00:16:08
By Robert Old	18:04
By John Burbank	18:04
By Thomas Morely x	18:04
By John Filley	18:04
March 2^d^ 1674-5 By Thomas West x	18:04
By Samuel Cross	18:04
By Geo Jeffery	18:04
By Jonath Winchell	01:00:00
By David Winchell	01:00:00
By Sam^ll^ Taylor	00:18:04
By David Morgan x	00:16:08
Nov 29 1676 By Abrah Dibble	00:16:08
Jany 31 1677: By Goodm. Rising	00:16:00

* These were marked x by Major Pynchon, being purchasers but not settlers.

By Judah Trumbull 16: 8 } " Jos Trumble 16: 8 }	01: 13: 04
By George Norton	00: 16: 08
May 30 1678: By Nathaniel Cooke w^ch I Rec^d in 30^£ Hops	00: 13: 04
By G^m Kent* 20^s & for Sam^s Lot 13^s : 4^d	01: 13: 04
By Serg^t Austin 2-40 acres 1: 6: 8: and a 50 acre a—— 0: 16: 8	02: 03: 04
By G^m Allyn 180: acres	03: 00: 00
By G^m Remington his Lot 50 and 3 sons 40 acre = 170 acres	02: 16: 08
More 10 acres	00: 03: 04
By John Pengilley	01: 00: 00
By Edm: Marshall	01: 06: 00
Isack Cakebread	00: 15: 08
Jos: Eastman	00: 16: 08
W^m Prichard	00: 16: 08
Edw: Smith	00: 16: 08
James Barker	00: 16: 08
Th^o Copley	01: 00: 08
Nath: Cheny	01: 00: 00
By Good^m Roe	02: 10: 00
Tim^o Palmer	00: 16: 08
Due to me 41: 15: 00	

P^r contra is 41: 15: 00. so all is Ballanced this ffebr 1681.

THE FIRST SAW-MILL †

1672. The charge and cost of my sawmill at Stony River.

	£	s	d.
Impr^s : viewing and searching for a place also by hiring Jo : Higley to discover &c.; also Arth : Dorchester & Roland Thomas 1. d; likewise myselfe & my expence w^th y^m & feridge &^c w^ch come to	1	08	00
To Goodmn : Boltwood for his journey advice & help &c	1	00	00
To his & my ferridge & Jo Artsell's expence there,	00	10	00
To 1 Bottle of Liquor (*brandy*)	00	3	00
July 12^th To 2 Bottles Liquor to L Thomas	00	05	00
Aug 22^d at setting downe y^e Dam; 1 Gallon, 1-2 Liq^r	00	15	00
To Provisions &c	1	15	00
To 6 men 3 d besides G Thomas his company y^e weck.	1	10	00
G. Thomas c'ing brick; Isaak Morgan 1 weeke G Thomas & Fr: bet & 1 Barrel cider	00	12	00
To pay^t to G Denslow	00	14	00
To John Warner for 3d worke	00	06	00
To my man getting stones filling dam &c	2	00	00
Richard Waite 1 weekes work	0	12	00
Jacob y^e Dutch Lad	0	12	00
Aug 1672 To 8 galons Rum	1	00	00
To my men	1	02	06
To Harry, Roco & I	1	00	00

John Artsell‡ *Cr.*

By making my saw mill at Stony River	55	00	00
By Building y^e house there	12	00	00
By making coggs & Round & that mill to goe without a Rope	3	00	00
By allowance on pork not good and Pork my men eate beside	1	00	00

* Goodman Kent.

† Pynchon Account Book, Index, page 8.

‡ Book No. 5, Page 380.

By allowance for setting y^e^ mill &c to worke last week, & y^e^ weeke before, and for sawing 13 and 1-2 M. of Bordes . . 1 : 05 : 00

Discounted Nov 24^th^ 1673 72 : 05 : 00

Nov 24^th^ 1673 Agreed with John Artsell to tend my saw mill at Stony River till May next. & for sawing I am to allow him 12^s^ p^r^ M for Bords & Planks (only if I saw Planks for shipping: I am to allow him for them 13^s^ per M. For slitwork I am to allow him 14^s^ per M. he to tend y^e^ mill carefully & to mend all y^t^ may be amiss, keeping her and runing all in order, except at a tyme so much is amiss as req^rs^ above 2 days worke together to mend it; then all at any tyme above 2 days work to mende or repair her I am to pay him for it. I am to pay him either in goods to his contente, or order; otherwise in wheat and Rye.

Also agreed with him to put up a roofe on y^e^ mill, He to put up y^e^ rafters, lay on y^e^ bords and doe y^e^ whole covering, all except nayles & y^e^ loggs I find for w^ch^ I am to give & pay him sixe Pounds.

Jos. Trumble Cr.*

By 8. d; worke making my dam . . . . . 00 : 06 : 00
By carting of Loggs at 15 ^d^ y^e^ Log . . . . . 00 : 18 : 00
By fetching Bed & securing, hiding, &c. John Artsells Tooles . 00 : 04 : 00
Discounted p^r^ Contra Feb 9^th^ 1677

The First Dwelling House† at Stony River built by Maj^r^ Pynchon in 1672

John Hodge Cr

Aug 16 : 1672 : By 1. d. carting small timber for my house at Stony River, by (use for) the Sawmill . . . . . 00 : 06 : 00
By 1: d: worke at Raising the House . . . . . 00 : 02 : 00
By 8: d: carting timber for y^t^ and p^t^ of a day fetching Bords & 8 d this weeke . . . . . 01 : 16 : 00
By John Stebbins . . . . . 01 : 00 : 00

The Bargaine about the chimney for my house was: . . . 03 : 05 : 00
for y^e^ underpinning. . . . . 00 : 15 : 00
& if he did it well he was to have 5^s^ more . . . . . 00 : 05 : 00

04 : 5 : 00

Maj Pynchon Dwelling House‡ in Feather Streete

Dec. 8, 1674 agreed w^th^ Jo^s^ Leanord to build me a House at Suffeild on my land in Feather streete of 29 foote long & 20 wide, 10 f^t^ of stud: he to doe all y^e^ Carpenters worke fr^o^ falling to finishing. My dores. chimney. (Roofing) Stairs p^r^titions. windows. floars &c. all y^t^ is to be done by carpenters for closing & finishing all whatever: only I am to alow him y^e^ use of my Sawmill, to saw y^e^ Bords, Joice: braces & Rafters He alsoe to doe all y^e^ carting; for all w^ch^ comple^a^ted well, firm, strong: substantiall: handsome & workmanlike I am to allow & pay him 25^£^ & 2 Gallons of Rum: all y^e^ outside worke & covering to be done by y^e^ end of June next.

In witness whereof he sets his hand

JOSEPH LENORD

Afterwards we determined the shingle to be 2 foote shingle Laid on Bords.

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* Grandfather of Gov. Jonathan Trumble.

† This was probably a log house.

‡ Page 66, P. Account Book. This was probably the first framed house in Suffield. Built on Maj. Pynchon's eighty-acre lot in Feather Street.

CORN MILL.

The first corn mill was built and attached to the saw-mill in 1677.

*John Artsell** Cr.*

1677 For Building and making my corn mill at Suffeild when finished to be 50 pounds. At present I acc^{t} only 45 Pounds and will allow y^{e} other p^{t} as soon as he hath made and covered y^{e} leanetoe, braced and strengthed y^{e} posts y^{r} will be due £45, 0 s. 0 d. If Jo Artsell finish my corn mill make y^{e} "Leanetoe" & cover it well &c Then there is due to him 5 Pounds w^{ch} I am to pay him.

AGREEMENT FOR MILLSTONES.†

Feb 5th 1672 Agreed with John Web & Zebediah Williams to make me a p^{r} of good mill stones of good greete w^{h}out flaw to be judged by Th^{o} Bancroft to be as good as mine on Westfield Millstones: to be full 5 foote: 2 inches over: 15 inches deepe in y^{e} eye & 13 inches in y^{e} skirt: w^{ch} stones are to be dlv^{d} either at Windsor or at Stony Brooke where I please next October. If at Windsor I am to allow and pay for y^{m} 23^{li}, & 1 Gallon of Rum; If at Stony River then to pay but 21^{li} & 2 Gallon of Rum

As witness our hands

JOHN WEBB
Z. W
JOHN PYNCHON

John Webb Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Nov. 27 1677 By 1 p^{r} of Millstones dl^{vd} at my mill at Stony Brook w^{ch} according to agree^{t} is	21	00	00
By allowance w^{ch} I make toward y^{e} cartage of y^{m} I give you 20^{s}	1	00	00
	22	00	00

TRANSPORTATION OF MILLSTONES.‡

Thomas Gun of Westfeild Cr.

By carrying downe y^{e} millstones for J^{o} Web to Southfeild .	2	14	00
Jan 16th 1677 Quit & Ballanced p^{r} contra			
1679 By 26 appletrees at 6^{d} apiece alowing 2 Trees . . . P^{d} pr Contra.	00	12	10

Thomas Bancroft (of Westfeild) Cr.

By floaring my Millstones at Stony Brook, discounted Jan^{y} 7th 1679:	£3	00	00

FIRST GRANTS OF LAND TO SETTLERS.

The record of the acts of the committee in the "Old Book" is in the plain handwriting of Maj. Pynchon, and the record of the first allotments is in that of Samuel Marshfield. The first division of lands made by the committee to the first settlers of the Town, about one hundred in number, contained 6,258 acres. This was allotted in

*Book No. 5, page 210.
†No. 5, Pynchon Account Book, page 252.
‡No. 5, p. 214.

40, 50, 60, and 80-acre grants; "according to the quality, estate, usefulness, and other considerations of such persons as the committee approved."

From 1670 to 1674 inclusive, 38 grants were made, and so many desired to settle in the new Town, that the Committee "determined to fill up the place to one Hundred Familes." These expectations were suddenly extinguished by the breaking out of King Philip's war, in the summer of 1675. During this war the Town was abandoned, and its settlement was not resumed until the spring of 1677.

From September, 1674, to February, 1676, no grants were made; at the close of the war, most of the planters returned.

Major Pynchon's saw-mill was burned,* and some dwellings† of the settlers. After the war the Town was rapidly resettled, and January 2, 1682, the Committee finished their labors of making grants to settlers, and March 9 following, a meeting of the qualified voters was assembled by their order, to whom was left the "managing of all y^{e} affaires of y^{e} Towne henceforward." Two hundred and four years have passed away, and without exception the little "Town Meeting" has annually assembled to choose its own rulers, and manage its own affairs according to law.

No settlement was probably made under the grants of 1670 or '71 and '72, until the spring of 1673, at that time Major Pynchon had completed a saw-mill near the mouth of "Stony River," and a dwelling-house near it.

Samuel Marshfield of Springfield, was employed by Major Pynchon as land measurer, to lay out the Town, and to measure out, and allot to the settlers their lands. He was afterward, at the first Town Meeting, chosen to be land measurer, "particularly to perfect all of old w^{ch} he had taken in hand, also any new to be measured."

In 1682 the General Court of Massachusetts‡ ordered that country grants of Lands should be surveyed only by surveyors on oath: and Samuel Marshfield was appointed surveyor in Hampshire County.

ALLOTMENTS.

The manner of division was peculiar. The first applicant had the first choice of location. Each could have a homestead or house lot, a home lot, a meadow, and some upland.

The area of meadow within the Town was estimated at five hundred acres.

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*Maj. Pynchon's Letter to his son.
†Judd's Hadley.
‡Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 5.

Each had from three to five different pieces of land in different parts of the Town, as interest or fancy dictated.

The allotments were usually made in quadrangular form of various widths and lengths. The corners were bounded by a bush, a stump or a tree, all perishable and soon likely to furnish a crop of disputed boundaries. This manner of laying out lands left many nooks and corners of undivided and forgotten land; afterward to be enclosed and appropriated by adjoining proprietors.

For this and other reasons the original grants* were proverbially certain to contain the amount of land called for by the record.

Thirty years elapsed before the First Division lands were alloted and occupied.

Land was abundant, and all had the free use of the Common for wood, timber and pasturage.

None of the lands of Suffield were laid out with the use of the compass, except the mountain in 1742, and the land west of it (south of the Old Westfield Line) in 1759.

The surveyor's compass was not in use in the Connecticut Valley† until about the year 1700. Land measurers had only a measuring chain, and perhaps a square to form right angles.

In that year the Conn. General Court‡ appointed "Public surveyours" for each of its four counties. Caleb Stanley, Jr., was appointed for Hartford County. These surveyors provided themselves with the compass, and other suitable instruments for measuring land.

PROPRIETORS.

The following may be considered a complete list of those persons who had grants of land from the Committee: and with a few exceptions were accounted "Proprietors" in subsequent divisions of Land within the Town.

Less than one half the number§ paid the purchase money; the majority having their land on credit, as an inducement to settle; the balance was used to pay "Town Charges" for the benefit of all.

*1744. "Voted: That all former surveys of land made in the Town of Suffield, before Captain Winchell was chosen land measurer; that were laid out on good rights, be confirmed to the owners of said lands, although large measure. That being the general practice of former land measurers to make large measure." Proprietors' Book, Vol. 1, p. 48.

†Judd's Hadley.

‡Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. IV.

§See Major Pynchon's account.

NAME.	Date of grant.	No. of acres.	House lot.	Died.
Sam[l] Harmon,	1670	50	N. H. Road,	1677
Joseph Harmon,	1670	50	H.st., & N. H. Road,	1729
Nathan[l] Harmon,	1670	40	H.st., & N. H. Road,	1712
Zerubbabel Filer,	1670	60	High st.,	1714
Robert Old,	1670	50	H.st., & N. H. Road,	1728
Jon[a] Winchell,	1671	60	High st.,	1715
David Winchell,	1671	60	High st.,	1723
Geo. Jeffries,	1671	50	High st.,	1683
Rob[t] Watson,	1672	50	S. of Stony river,	1689
John Watson,	1671	50	S. of Stony river,	1730
John Millington,	1672	40	High st.,	1720
Steven Taylor,	1672	60		
John Taylor,	1672	50	High st.,	
Nathan[l] Cook,	1672	40	High st.,	1688
Timothy Hale,	1673	60	High st.,	1689
Joshua Wells,	1674	50	Did not settle.	
John Filley,	1674	40	High st.,	1690
Hugh Roe,	1674	60	High st.,	1689
Th[o] Spencer,	1674	60	High st.,	1689
Judah Trumble,	1674	50	Feather st.,	1692
Joseph Trumble,	1674	50	Feather st.,	1684
Edw[d] Smith,	1674	50	Feather st.,	17—
Anthony Austin,	1674	50	Feather st.,	1708
Tim[o] Palmer,	1674	60	Feather st.,	1696
Walter Holliday,	1674	40	Feather st.,	1709
Sam[l] Roe,	1674	50	High st.,	1688
Abram Dibble,	1674	50	High st.,	1690
John Burbank,	1674	50	Feather st.,	1709
John Barber,	1674	50	Feather st.,	1690
Th[o] Barber,	1684	50	Feather st.,	1689
Geo Norton,	1674	60	High st.,	1696
Th[o] Remington,	1674	60	Feather st.,	1721
Launcelot Granger,	1674	60	High st.,	1689
Th[o] Granger,	1674	40	High st.,	1730
Ge[o] Granger,	1674	40	High st.,	
John Hodge,	1674	60	High st.,	
Sam[l] Kent, Sr.,	1676	60	High st.,	1691
Th[o] Parsons,	1676	50	Feather st.,	1701
James Barker,	1676	50	Feather st.,	1723
James Rising,	1676	50	High st.,	1688
Benj. Dibble,	1676	40	High st.,	
Th[o] Remington, Jr.,	1676	50	High st.,	1683
Isaac Cakebread,	1677	50	At the Ferry,	1698
Timothy Eastman,	1677	50	Feather st.,	Unmarried.
Joseph Eastman,	1677	50	At the Ferry,	1692
John Lawton,	1677	60	High st.,	1690
Th[o] Copley,	1677	60	High st.,	1712

NAME.	Date of grant.	No. of acres.	House lot.	Died.
Th° Taylor,	1677	50	High st.,	1741
Serj. Th° Huxley,	1678	60	High st.,	1721
Ed[d] Burlison,	1678	40	High st.,	1698
Peter Roe,	1678	40	High st.,	1739
John Severance,	1678	50	High st.,	About 1709
John Pengilley,	1678	60	At the Ferry,	1735
Edward Allyn, Sr.,	1678	60	At the Ferry,	1696
Ew[d] Allyn, Jr.,	1678	40	At the Ferry,	1740
John Allyn,	1678	40	At the Ferry,	1704
William Allyn,	1678	40	At the Ferry,	1711
John Scott,	1678	60	Above High st.,	1689
James King,	1678	60	High st.,	1722
Sam[l] Bush,	1678	60	High st.,	1733
Joseph Segar,	1679	40	High st.,	1740
John Remington,	1679	40	High st.,	
Jon[a] Remington,	1679	40	Feather st.,	
Richard Austin,	1679	40	S. of Stony river,	1733
Anthony Austin, Jr.,	1670	40	S. of Stony river,	1733
Sam[l] Kent, Jr.,	1679	40	High st.,	1740
Dea. Th° Hanchett,	1679	60	High st.,	1688
Th° Hanchett. Jr.,	1679	40		
John Hanchett,	1679	40	High st.,	1744
David Froe,	1679	40	Above High st.,	1710
Obadiah Miller,	1679	50	Above High st.	
Daniel Canada,	1679	50	North from Ferry.	
Simon Gowin,	1679	60	North from Ferry.	
*Mr. John Younglove,	1679	80	High st.,	1690
Wm. Pritchard,	1679	50	Feather st.,	
Michael Towsley,	1679	50	High st.,	1712
John Rising,	1679	40	High st.,	1688
Edmund Marshall,	1680	80	S. of Stony river,	1732
Rich[d] Wooley,	1680	60	S. of Stony river,	1696
John Higgins,	1680	50	S. of Stony river,	1704
James Barlow,	1680	50	High st.,	1690
James Taylor,	1680	50	Springfield road.	
Luke Hitchcock,	1680	50	Springfield road.	
John Barber,	1680	60	Springfield road,	1690
Sam[l] Taylor,	1680	50	Springfield road,	1689
Jon[a] Taylor,	1680	50	Springfield road,	1683
Th° Cooper,	1680	50	Springfield road.	
Victory Sikes,	1680	50	Springfield road,	1708
Wm. Brooks,	1680	50	Springfield road,	1688
Eben[r] Brooks,	1680	40	Springfield road,	
Nathan[l] Cheeney,	1680	60	Did not settle.	
Gregory Gibbs,	1680	40	High st.,	1707
Sam[l] Lane,	1680	40	High st.,	1690
John Mighel,	1681	60	S. of Stony river,	1702

* See Special Grants.

NAME.	Date of grant.	No. of acres.	House lot.	Died.
John Mighel, Jr.,	1681	40	S. of Stony river.	
Th° Mighel,	1681	40	S. of Stony river.	
Th° Stevens,	1681	50	S. of Stony river.	
John Ingersoll,	1681	50	Did not settle.	
John Ingersoll, Jr.,	1681	50	Did not settle.	
James Smith,	1682	50	Did not settle.	
Ministry Land,	1682	20	High st.	
Ministry Land,	1682	60	High st.	
Sam[l] Glover,	1662	60	On his father's grant (Rev. Peletiah Glover, of Springfield). He died unmarried; his house lot in High st. became the property of Rev. Ebenezer Gay. The Baptist church edifice is upon the S. W. cor. of his house lot.	
Joseph Pynchon,	1682	80	For his services as committee.	
Maj. John Pynchon,	1682	80	For his services as committee.	
Benj. Cooley,	1682	50	For his services as committee.	
Geo. Colton,	1682	50	For his services as committee.	
Rowland Thomas,	1682	50	For his services as committee.	
Mr. Wm. Trowbridge,	1682	50	Of New Haven, son of Thomas; was probably the first school-master in Suffield; did not remain; d. 1690.	
Th° Trowbridge,	1682	40	Son of Wm.; did not settle.	
Lieut. Cooper,	1682	35	For services during his life-time as committee.	
Mr. Holyoke,	1682	35	For services during his life-time as committee.	
Tim° Palmer,	1682	10	Additional grant.	
Joseph Trumble,	1682	10	Additional grant.	
Judah Trumble,	1682	10	Additional grant.	
Sam[l] Kent, Sen.,	1682	6	Additional grant.	
Timothy Hale,	1682	2	High st., additional grant for house lot.	
School Lot,	1682	40	On High st., for the support of a school-house, never to be alienated.	
Joseph Leonard,	1682	40		1716
Joseph and Benj. Barber, twins,	1682	40		
John Potty,	1682	60	Did not settle,	1680
Sam[l] Filer,	1682	40		

SPECIAL GRANTS.

1670. 100 A.* This was located at the upper end of South, or Christian st., west side. No house lots were laid out or settlements made on this street by the committee.

1670. 20 A.† Now in part occupied as a park in High st.

1670. 60 A.‡ This lay at the mouth of Stony Brook on both sides

* For general court or country use.
† Land to set the meeting-house on and training place.
‡ Maj. Pynchon's saw-mill grant.

of it; given to secure the building a saw-mill upon it; Loomis & Norton's is now upon its site.

1670. 60 A.* This lot was given to pay in part for building a grist-mill, and was on the east side of High street, north of Mill Lane, three-fourths of a mile in length.

1670. 80 A.† This lot was on the west side of Feather street; upon it he built a dwelling house, 1675.

1679. 80 A. This Grant was made to the first minister; 30 acres of it was in High st. The Town, Nov. 17, 1679, voted to build him a Dwelling House on it, very nearly where the Baptist Parsonage is now located.

SKETCHES OF PROPRIETORS.

Anthony Austin was the son of Richard (tailor), of Bishopstocke, Hampshire County, England. He came to New England with his father, mother, and brother (Richard), in 1638. The family settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts. The father soon died, about forty years of age, leaving a widow and two children, "Anthony and Richard," quite young. Anthony had married Esther, and removed to Rowley, in 1666, was freeman 1669, removed to Suffield 1674. He was Lieutenant in 1681, and Captain in 1697. He was the first Town Clerk for twenty-seven years. He accepted the office of schoolmaster, in 1696, serving eleven years. He had three sons born at Rowley, and one son and three daughters born at Suffield. His wife, Esther, died 1698. He died 1708, aged about 72. Their descendants are numerous, some distinguished. His sons, Anthony, Jr., and Richard, had Grants, and were accounted "Proprietors." Both had large families, and lived and died in Suffield. His sons John and Nathaniel also settled in Suffield.

Edward Allyn, according to tradition, came from Scotland, 1636; had been a soldier under Cromwell, had a farm granted him at Dedham, 1649, was freeman, 1666, had a farm at Ipswich, 1670; had a barn struck by lightning and burned that year, containing sixty loads of barley.

He removed with his family to Suffield about the year 1679. He married Mary Kimball who bore him eleven children; the last two, Mary and Caleb, were born at Suffield. His farm was at the Ferry, where Edward, John and William, three of his sons, had farms adjoining. His wife died June 12, 1696; he died November 22, the same year. He held an estate valued at £256.

* His grist-mill grant.
† His grant as a petitioner.

Edward, Jr., removed to Deerfield, 1684, had a home lot; was clerk of the market and Town Clerk, 1704–12. Married Mercy Painter.

"John," married Elisabeth Prichard, of Suffield, February 11, 1682; had two sons born at Suffield, viz: "John" B., January 14, 1683; Richard B., September 17, 1685. He soon after removed to Deerfield. He and his wife were killed by the Indians May 11, 1704.

"William" married Johanna Dibble, December 29, 1692, who bore him eight children. He lived and died in Suffield. His widow married David Burt, of Northampton.

John Burbank, son of John of Rowley, married Susannah Merrill, October 15, 1663, and lived at Haverhill. He removed his wife and several children to Suffield, about 1680. His wife died October 10, 1690. Married second and third wife; the last bore him a daughter "Susannah." He was a large land-holder, and much employed by Major Pynchon in building, and clearing lands in Suffield. He was one of the few qualified voters when the Town was organized, but never held an office. His name is found in Major Pynchon's account book oftener than any Suffield man; and he must have been a man of business. His sons, John, Jr., and Ebenezer, were afterward prominent men in Town matters. His homestead was at the north end of Feather street. He died June 1, 1709.

Thomas Barber, son of Thomas of Windsor, born 1644; was in Gloucester 1662, in Newberry 1669; married Ann Chase, had child before he came to Suffield—had twins born at Suffield, February 1, 1677, named Joseph and Benjamin. Being the first twins born at Suffield, they had a grant of land (40 acres). Had sons, Aquilla, born 1679; Moses, born 1687; John, born 1684; and daughter Anne, born 1681.

John Barber, born 1669. Children born at Suffield, by Joanna his wife, were, John, born February 19, 1687; Joseph, born February 18, 1689; Hannah, born May 27, 1682; Mary, born February 8, 1683. He died August 29, 1690.

John Barber, Sr., son of Thomas of Windsor, and brother of Thomas of Suffield, born 1642, removed to Springfield 1671, to Suffield 1684, was freeman 1681. He was a deacon, also one of the first Selectmen chosen. Married Bathsheba Coggin of Springfield, 1665, and reared a family of children before his removal to Suffield. He died May 14, 1712. This surname soon after disappears from Suffield record.

James Barker, son of James of Rowley, removed to Suffield before 1679. His wife "Mercy" had children born here, viz.: Samuel, born April 16, 1679; Oliver, March 20, 1681. He removed to Springfield 1686.

Edward Burleson, 1st, where from unknown. His wife, "Sarah,'

bore him five children: John, born October 9, 1677; Fearnot, born December 18, 1679; Mary, born June 22, 1683; Return, born April 5, 1682; Edward, born March 1, 1686. His son John married Sarah Holladay; had nine children. "Burleson Brook" in West Suffield took its name from him. He had house lot in High street of eighteen acres. The family name disappears about 1745.

Samuel Bush had eighteen-acre house lot in High street. Had by his wife Mary, children at Suffield: Daniel, born November 2, 1679; Mary, born July 19, 1681. Removed to Westfield soon after.

James Barlow of Suffield and Sarah Huxley, were married January 10, 1688. He had a house lot on High street. He died March 16, 1690. A son James was born January 27, 1688, who married Mary Harmon, April 1, 1714. James, Jr., had a large family, and removed with them to Bedford (now Granville, Massachusetts), before 1746.

William Brooks, of Springfield, had a Grant of fifty acres in Suffield, probably did not remove to Suffield with his family. He had eight sons and eight daughters. His oldest sons, William and John, were killed by the Indians at Westfield, 1675. He removed to Deerfield, there died 1688.

Ebenezer Brooks, son of William, Sr., probably did not settle, as no record of his marriage is found here. He settled in Deerfield. His grant, as well as his father's, seem to have been made, in consideration of their loss of relatives killed by the Indians.

Nathaniel Cook was one of the first settlers of Windsor, freeman 1650, member of the church there 1662. Had a grant of forty acres in High street, east side, now the homestead of Henry P. Kent. It is not probable that Nathaniel, Sr., settled in Suffield. His son Nathaniel, Jr., born 1658, probably did; remaining a short time, returned to Windsor.

Isaac Cakebread, of Springfield, perhaps son of Thomas, had first been of Weymouth. Served as a soldier in Philip's war, on the Connecticut River; married 1677, Hepzibah Jones; was a freeman 1678; removed to Suffield where he had children: Isaac, born January 30, 1680; Rebeckah, born February 20, 1682. Some years after he removed to Hartford; there died, 1698, leaving Isaac, who died soon, and the name disappears in this region.

Thomas Copley, son of Thomas of Springfield, in Springfield 1672; married Ruth—— at Westfield, November 13, 1672, and had Thomas, born July 28, 1678. Removed to Suffield 1679, and had Matthew, born April 14, 1679; Samuel, born September 20, 1682. His first wife died October 5, 1692, and he married Widow Ruth Taylor for his second wife. No children recorded. He was Constable and held other offices. He died December 3, 1712.

Daniel Canada. His name is not found in the book of marriages, births and deaths of Suffield, and it may be supposed he had no family. His rights as proprietor became Ebenezer Burbank's. The name is seldom seen. There was a James Canada in Rowley, 1671.

Abraham Dibble, Boston, son of John, lived in Haddam, 1673, in Suffield, 1674, in Windsor during the war. His house lot was eighteen acres at the north corner of High street and Feather street. He died at Suffield, December 31, 1690. He was Selectman in 1685–86.

Benjamin, son of Abraham, had a house lot of eighteen acres on the north of, and adjoining his father. Swore allegiance to Massachusetts, 1679. He afterward settled at Simsbury. None of the name since that are found in the record. Captain Joseph Sheldon bought his proprietary interest.

Timothy Eastman, son of Roger of Salisbury, married Lydia Markham of Hadley, 1682; had son William, born at Suffield, 1684. Removed to Hadley 1690; there had Lydia, born 1691; Sarah, 1694; Timothy, 1697. William died unmarried, and Timothy, Jr., left no male heirs, so the family name in this branch became extinct.

His grant was fifty acres on Feather street, bounded south on the old road to High street.

Joseph Eastman, brother of Timothy, and son of Roger, born 1651, Salisbury, had fifty acres of land on both sides of "Rawlin's Brook," bounded east on the Great River. He was a tanner by trade, and Major Pynchon's account book proves that to have been his occupation while here. He married Mary Tilton of Hadley, and had three children born here. Mary, born 1684, died 1685. Joseph, born 1683; Peter, born 1686. He returned to Hadley, 1690.

Zerubbabel Filer of Windsor, son of Walter (who was a first settler there, and one of John Warham's church), born at Windsor, 1644, married daughter of Elder John Strong of Northampton, 1669; lived at Windsor until 1677, when he removed to Suffield. Had five children born at Windsor, and four at Suffield. Returned to Windsor, 1683, where he had four children more. Hedied 1715. Samuel, his son, had a grant, but died young.

John Filley, son of William of Windsor, Conn., born 1645, married Abigail Dyble of Suffield, (probably daughter of Abraham,) February 1, 1681. He died at Suffield, 1690, leaving three daughters. Since that the name is extinct upon Suffield record.

David Froe was an Irish servant at Northampton in 1668, married widow Priscilla Hunter of Springfield, 1678; had daughter Abigail, born 1679 at Suffield, and died 1689, April 28. He died June 7, 1710. His widow died December 19, 1725. The family name became extinct.

Launcelot Granger was in Ipswich, 1648; removed to Newberry; married Joanna, daughter of Robert Adams, 1654; had eleven children; removed to Suffield 1674. In 1676 he was wounded by the Indians, receiving a ball in the leg, which he carried for life.

Four of his sons had families in Suffield. Thomas and George were proprietors, and had house lots adjoining their father's in High street.

He was land measurer several years, and ancestor of all of the name in Suffield, including Hon. Gideon and Francis, Postmaster Generals.

"Farmer's Register" says he died at Newberry. Suffield Record says Launcelot Granger died September 3, 1689.

Gregory Gibbs from Windsor, Conn., son of Giles, born at Windsor, 1649, was of Springfield, 1677, and at Suffield, 1683 or before. He married Joyce, widow of James Osborne. He died March 15, 1707. No children.

Samuel Glover, son of Rev. Peletiah Glover of Springfield, had sixty acres on his father's grant; his house lot on High street was afterwards Rev. Ebenezer Gay's. Was born November 28, 1661; died July 24, 1689, unmarried.

Simon Gowin, from Rowley, was a soldier in Captain Appleton's Company, and wounded at the battle at Narragansett Fort. His land was above the ferry. No family is recorded; perhaps he did not long remain.

Francis Harmon came in the ship Love, 1635, aged forty-three, from London, with children, John, age twelve, and Sarah, age ten, but no more is known of him.

John of Springfield, 1644, probably son of Francis, was a first settler there, and had a house lot on Main street; where he married is unknown. He brought a wife, Sarah, and two children, John and Samuel, when he came to Springfield, and had six others born there, of whom were Joseph and Nathaniel.

Samuel Harmon was the oldest of the three Harmons, who were the pioneers of Suffield. Ten years before the settlement began, the Harmons had endeavored to procure a grant for a new town. They were great hunters and trappers, as the number of beaver skins and other furs sold to Major Pynchon indicate, and were probably more familiar with the topography of the town, which was a dense wilderness, than any other white men. Samuel was unmarried. He returned to Springfield, where he died September 7, 1677, about thirty-six years of age. His Suffield lands became the property of Joseph and Nathaniel.

Joseph, born at Springfield, 1647, married Hannah Filley of Wind-

sor, 1673, had nine children. She died at Suffield August 28, 1729. He died October 28, the same year.

He was a freeman, and voted at the first town meeting, and chosen a selectman, which office he filled for many years, the last time in 1719, when seventy-three years of age. He was treasurer, land measurer, and often employed in settling boundary lines. He was appointed Captain of the Suffield militia company, after the death of Captain Joseph Sheldon, 1708. For more than fifty years he held some important town offices. He first settled on Northampton Road (now Remington street). After Philip's war, his house lot was in High street.

Nathaniel Harmon, born at Springfield, March 13, 1654, married Mary Skinner, November 19, 1685; had ten children. She died 1711. He died May 2, 1712. He held some town office constantly, but was not a qualified voter when the town was organized. His house lot was in High street, and his farm on the Northampton Road. His children were pioneers of West Suffield.

Timothy Hale was from Windsor, married Sarah Barber, daughter of Thomas. Brought his wife and seven children to Suffield, about 1679. He died 1689. Two of his sons, Timothy and Samuel, settled in Suffield. His house lot was on High street. In Windsor record it is written "Hall." The name until within a short time has been common in Suffield.

Walter Holladay of Springfield, in 1673, married Catharine Hunter. Had Ebenezer, born 1675, and William, then removed to Suffield; there had Samuel, 1680, Sarah, 1683, Mary, 1685, Isaac, 1690, Abigail, 1692. He died September 21, 1709. The name is not common, and there is none to be found previous to his. He is probably the ancestor of all of this name in New England, as well as those who remain in Suffield.

John Hodge lived at Killingworth, 1664; married Susanna Denslow of Windsor, 1666; had seven children before removal to Suffield; there had William, born April 10, 1678; Elizabeth, born February 13, 1680; Susannah, born December 10, 1682; Abigail, born March 7, 1684; Samuel, born October 4, 1686. The family did not long remain in Suffield. He was recorded as an inhabitant at the first town meeting.

Thomas Huxley, Hartford, married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Spencer of Hartford, later of Suffield; had five children before removing to Suffield, 1678, and afterward four more, viz.: Jared, 1680, Hannah, 1682, Nathaniel, 1683, William, 1687.

Sergeant Thomas Huxley was by a vote of the town in 1686, chosen keeper of a "Public House for Entertainment." This was situated

on High street, now Thaddeus H. Spencer's house lot. His wife Sarah died October 24, 1712. He died July 21, 1721. He was a freeman, 1681, and held important town offices. His descendants remained here many years, but the name has long since disappeared from the records.

Deacon Thomas Hanchet, probably brother of John of Boston, was in Wethersfield 1649, and his son John was born there at that time. Deacon Thomas removed to New London 1651, was there three years, was at Northampton 1660, was Deacon 1668, removed to Westfield, thence to Suffield, where he died June 11, 1686. He is the ancestor of all of that name who have dwelt in Suffield.

John Hanchet, oldest son of Deacon Thomas, was at Westfield, and married Esther Pritchet of Suffield, 1677; had two children, then removed to Suffield, 1680, was freeman, and voter at the first town meeting. He held many offices, was Deacon for many years. He had six children born at Suffield. His first wife died Nov. 29, 1711. His second wife, widow Mary Harmon, died September 17, 1730. His third wife, widow Sarah Tayler, died January 6, 1733. His fourth wife, widow Mary Southwell survived him. He died October 23, 1744, aged 95. The Suffield Hanchetts are his descendants. His house lot in High street remains in the family name, by direct descent, that of Betsey Hanchett,* fifth generation from Deacon John.

Thomas Hanchet, second brother of John, and son of Deacon Thomas, lived at Westfield; there married Elizabeth Loomis; removed to Suffield, 1679; had children, Thomas, 1681; Mary, 1683; returned to Westfield; there had five children more. He died probably at Roxbury, May 6, 1719. His house lot was nearly opposite his father's on High street.

John Huggins (son of John of Hampton) born 1652, removed from Newbury to Suffield about the time of his marriage to Hannah Burckby, October 19, 1681. They had Hannah, born December 23, 1682. His wife died May 3, 1683. He married second wife, Experience Jones, February 4, 1684; had daughter Margaret, born March 6, 1686; son John born February 21, 1688. Removed to Springfield, there had Joseph, 1691; Samuel, 1693; Bridget, 1695. He died at Springfield July 9, 1704. His son John was a lawyer of distinction. He removed from Springfield to Sheffield, Mass., about 1733, was one of its first settlers, and was for many years a leading lawyer of western Massachusetts.

Luke Hitchcock from Springfield, son of Luke of New Haven, was a voter, and was chosen sealer of leather at the first town meeting;

* She has now deceased, and the land has been sold for the first time since the settlement of the town.

did not remain, if indeed he settled here at all. He was Sheriff of Hampshire. He was also a petitioner, and one of the committee for settling the town of Sheffield, Mass., 1722. He died January 24, 1727.

John Ingersoll of Westfield and his son John had grants in Suffield, but probably did not settle. Another son, Thomas, had the proprietary rights of John senior, but did not settle here.

George Jeffries was in Windsor 1669 and earlier. Removed to Suffield; there had son James, December 10, 1681, which Elizabeth, his wife, bore him. Himself deceased September 15, 1683. The name disappears.

Sergeant Samuel Kent of Gloucester, perhaps son of Thomas, was probably born in England. By his wife, Frances, had children: Sarah, born August 14, 1657; Mary, born December 19, 1658; Samuel, born October 26, 1661; and John, April 28, 1664. He was in Brookfield 1673–5 and was settled at Suffield in 1678. His wife died August 10, 1683. He died February 2, 1691, at Springfield. He was one of the first Board of Selectmen and re-appointed for many years. His house lot and his son Samuel's are now the Institute grounds.

Samuel Kent, Jr, had his grant 1679, and a house lot voted him at the second town meeting. In 1710 the town voted his son, Samuel 3d, sixty acres of land for keeping school one year. This land was in West Suffield, where the family were pioneers. Samuel Kent, Jr., died May 31, 1740. In his will of 1737 he names five surviving sons and three daughters. John Kent,* an only brother of Samuel, Jr., settled in Suffield about 1686. He had 12 children born at Suffield. His descendants have been eminent. Chancellor Kent was his great grandson.

James King came to Suffield 1678. From whence, unknown. Brought son James with him. Children by wife, Elizabeth, born at Suffield, were William, born January 4, 1679, died September 30, 1680; Agnes, born July 14, 1682; Benjamin, November 20, 1683; Benoni, December 5, 1685; Joseph, June 15, 1687, died January 23, 1688; Joseph again, born May 10, 1689; Mary, April 3, 1692; William again, born September 29, 1695. His wife died June 30, 1715. He married second wife, widow Hannah Lommas of Westfield, February 7, 1716. He died May 13, 1722. He was the ancestor of those who have borne the name in Suffield. He was a voter at the first town meeting and had a house lot in High street.

John Lawton (Layton) was in Ipswich 1648; had a house there 1663; removed to Suffield with his family 1677. He died December

* For proof that John was son of Samuel, Sr., see his will in Vol. A, Hampshire County Probate records.

17, 1690. His wife, Benedick, died November 18, 1692. His only son, James, lived at Suffield; had eight children. One of them, Christopher Jacob, born July 20, 1701, was a distinguished lawyer. He was once the owner of the town of Blandford, Massachusetts.

Samuel Lane was a soldier from the east part of Massachusetts under Captain Turner, 1676; married Sarah Dickinson of Hadley, 1677; had two children, Samuel and Sarah. Removed to Suffield; there had Mary, born May 7, 1684; John, born April 3, 1686. He probably returned to Hadley, died 1690. His grandson, John, son of John, lived here and had a family.

Joseph Leonard of Springfield had a grant, 1682. Probably did not remove to Suffield. He was a carpenter and much employed by Major Pynchon, for whom he built probably the first framed dwelling-house* in Suffield. He died at Springfield, 1716, aged eighty-two.

John Millington of Windsor married, 1668, Sarah Smith; removed to Suffield, there had John, born 1675; Henry, 1679. No more are recorded. He died March 6, 1720. Thomas Copley bought his land.

Obadiah Miller, Springfield, freeman 1678. Obadiah, Jr., was admitted to be an inhabitant of Suffield, 1684. Lazarus Miller, his brother, had a house lot which was given to Obadiah.

Edmund Marshall, Newbury, son of Edmund of Salem, was a ship-wright. By wife, Martha, had children: Edmund, 1677; John, 1682. Removed to Suffield, had there children: Martha, November 6, 1685; Elizabeth, March 17, 1688. Edmund died December 3, 1695. Benjamin, born November 7, 1694. Martha, his wife, died August 27, 1697. Abigail, born August 21, 1697. Edmund Marshall himself died January 7, 1731 or 1732. His son, John, had a family here.

John Mighill, son of Thomas of Rowley, and two sons, John and Thomas, had grants, 1681, but did not remain long. Thomas married Abigail Maclaflin December 12, 1700. Had Abigail, born August 21, 1706.

Captain George Norton (son of George Norton, who came from London, April, 1629, and was a carpenter) was born at Salem, March 28, 1641; removed to Ipswich. By his wife, Sarah, had five children, viz.: George, Thomas, born 1670, Nathaniel, Sarah and Alice; removed to Suffield 1674. There had Samuel, born 1681, died soon; John, 1682, who died soon. His wife, Sarah, died June 23, 1682. He married widow Mercy Gillett June 20, 1683. Their children: Mary, born 1684; Abigail, 1686; Freegrace, January 1, 1688; Johannah, 1693. Captain Norton died November 15, 1696. His widow died December 31, 1725. He was freeman, 1681, inn-keeper, select-

* See extract from Pynchon Account Book.

man, captain and a prominent man in the town; was the first representative to the General Court at Boston from Suffield, 1693, and was excused from attending another session on account of the poverty of the town. His brother Freegrace was killed at Turners Falls, 1675. His son, George 2d, married a daughter of Rev. John Younglove, Hannah, and had a large family.

Timothy Palmer, son of Timothy of Windsor, by wife Elizabeth, had children born at Suffield: Esther, Mary, Thomas, Anne and Samuel. All died young but Samuel, who married and settled in Suffield. Timothy Palmer had son Timothy born before he settled in Suffield. This son married Abigail Allen, settled at Suffield, left no male heirs, having had three sons, successively named Timothy; all died young. Timothy, Sr., died November 28, 1696; Elizabeth, his wife, died October 1, 1716. He was often Selectman, and prominent in Town affairs.

Thomas Parsons was probably from Springfield; had wife Priscilla, no children; adopted Nathaniel Austin 1700, died April 10, 1701.

Lieutenant John Pengilly was Welch or Cornish, Ipswich. In 1675 impressed as a trooper in the Narragansett Expedition, under Major Appleton, and was made Corporal. Was freeman, and at Suffield, 1678. By wife Mary had son John, born August 26, 1693, who survived his father and settled in Suffield; had a family. He owned the ferry.

Lieutenant John died May 20, 1735. The name has long disappeared.

William Prichard (Pritchett), son of William of Lynn, afterward of Brookfield, married Elizabeth Allen of Suffield, November 14, 1683. She died January 16, 1684. Married his second wife, Elizabeth Palmer, October 20, 1688; she died June 16, 1694. Married his third wife, Rebecca Taylor, January 22, 1696. His children died young; himself died 1698, leaving no male heirs. His father, William, was a first settler of Brookfield, and was killed by the Indians, 1675; his brother Samuel also.

Joseph Pynchon, son of Major Pynchon, born July 26, 1646, graduate of Harvard College, 1664, was a physician; had a grant of land in Suffield, provided he built a house on it. He died unmarried at Boston, December 30, 1682, being representative at the General Assembly from Springfield. John Pynchon 2d had his Suffield grant.

John Petty, born at Windsor, 1667, had conditional grant, but did not settle. His father, "John," had lived at Windsor, and at Springfield, where he had a family. John, Jr., married Mercy Taylor, and probably lived and died at Northfield.

Thomas Remington, probably son of John, of Newberry, had Thomas, John and Sarah, perhaps born at Rowley. He removed to Windsor, there had Joseph, born September 1, 1675. He removed to Suffield, there had by wife Mehitable, Benjamin, born December 23, 1677. His wife died December 17, 1718. He died February 23, 1721.

Thomas Remington, Jr., died unmarried, December 16, 1683.

Jonathan Remington, son of Thomas, Sr., had thirty acres next his father's lot, in Feather street. No record of his birth is found. He married Sarah Hovey, June 11, 1701. Children: Sarah, born June 28, 1706; Jonathan, November 11, 1707; Elizabeth, April 15, 1710; Abigail, June 25, 1712. Sarah, his wife, died October 18, 1716. Married second wife, widow Mary Rising; no children. He died June 17, 1755; she died May 24, 1764. His only son, Jonathan, Jr., married Thankful Taylor, November 5, 1735; had six children.

John Remington, son of Thomas, Sr., married Margaret Scot, December 6, 1687. Children: Sarah, born January 22, 1688. His wife died July 14, 1793. Married second wife, Hannah Hale, December 19, 1700. Children: Thomas, born February 2, 1702; Daniel, born February 20, 1706; Samuel, born March 5, 1707; Stephen, born January 3, 1711; Hannah, born March 25, 1723. He died shortly after. His widow died April 1, 1768.

Deacon Joseph Remington, son of Thomas, Sr., was not a grantee, but settled here, on the right of his brother Thomas, deceased. He married Eliza Dudley, December 2, 1703. Children: Joseph, Dudley, Isaac, Elizabeth and Mary, twins. Deacon Joseph died July 24, 1768. From him, "Remington street" took its name, once called "Northampton Road."

James Rising, age eighteen, sailed for the Bermudas from London 1635, was at Harvard College 1646; married Elizabeth Hinsdale, daughter of Robert, of Medfield, July 7, 1657; removed to Bermudas, returned to Salem, in a few years removed to Windsor, Conn., and was voted an inhabitant 1668, where his wife died 1669, as did another wife, Martha, April 20, 1674. Had James and John, and (perhaps) other children. He kept the ferry at Windsor; removed to Suffield 1679, where he died September 11, 1688. None other of the name among the early settlers of New England can be found; and he is probably the ancestor of all who bear it in this country. His son James died July 24, 1690, unmarried.

John Rising, son of James 1st, had his father's lot at the lower end of High street, being probably the only heir. He had two wives and eighteen children. He died December 11, 1720.

Hugh Roe (Rowe) was sealer of leather at Hartford, 1663; was a

freeman, and lived there, south of Little River, 1669. Before this had lived at Weymouth, Mass.; was at Suffield, 1674, and a voter at its first town meeting. He died at Suffield, August 5, 1689. Abigail, his wife, died September 3, 1689. Himself and his son Samuel had eighty acres, boundeded west on High street, north on Feather street road, extending east three-quarters of a mile. Ten acres of it was afterward granted to Stephen Taylor.

Samuel Roe, son of Hugh, born at Weymouth, January 14, 1656, died at Suffield, March 1, 1688, probably unmarried.

Peter Roe, son of Hugh, place and date of birth unknown; married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Remington, 1689; had ten children. He received as executor, etc., the grants belonging to his father and brother Samuel. Peter Roe died February 4, 1739, and the surname disappears from the record nearly one hundred years ago.

Sergeant Thomas Spencer was in Cambridge, 1632, a brother of Jared and William; freeman, 1634, was a first settler of Hartford; 1638 had a house lot there on Main street; he received a grant of land, 1671, "for his good service for the country," as Sergeant in the Militia. Had by first wife three sons, and by second wife one son, and five daughters. He came from Braintree, Essex County, England, or that vicinity, with Thomas Hooker's company in 1632, and with them to Hartford, 1635. The name of his first wife is unknown. His second wife was Sarah Bearding, daughter of Nathaniel, a first settler of Hartford, married September 11, 1645. Sergeant Thomas Spencer died September 11, 1685, at Hartford.

Thomas Spencer, son of Sergeant Thomas, of Hartford, had a grant of land, fifty acres of it in High street, now occupied in part by George W. Loomis, and heirs of D. W. Norton. Born at Hartford, came to Suffield 1674; married Esther Andrews of Hartford. Had three sons and four daughters. He was one of the thirty-four qualified voters at the first town meeting. He died at Suffield July 23, 1689. His widow, Esther, died March 6, 1698. Of the three sons, Thomas died 1692, unmarried. Samuel and William had each twenty-five acres of their father's house lot in High street, Samuel having the north half, and William the south.

They married sisters, Elizabeth and Mehetable Mascraft of Roxbury, Mass. Both had families from whom have descended all the Suffield Spencers.

Samuel had two sons, Thomas and Daniel. He died November 23, 1743. William had one son only, "John." William died December, 1745. His wife, Mehetable, died August 7, 1769. John settled in West Suffield. Had sons Reuben, Simeon, and John.

Edward Smith married Sarah, daughter of Edward Allen, March

21, 1685; had children Edward, Mary, Samuel, Hugh, Joseph who died young, and David, all born at Suffield.

His house lot in Feather street was next to Joseph Trumble's (his brother-in-law). He probably came from Ipswich.

James Smith had a grant of fifty acres. He was probably of Moseley's company in 1675; did not settle.

Thomas Smith had a grant of forty acres given him at the second town meeting. He married Joanna Barber, of Springfield, first wife, and Mary Younglove, for his second wife; had a large family. He came from Massachusetts, probably, whence I cannot determine. He died December 2, 1726.

John Severance, son of John of Salisbury, removed with his family to Deerfield; had two children born here. Mary, born July 14, 1681; Joseph, October 26, 1682. The name is nowhere since found in our records.

John Scott was an early settler of Springfield, and removed to Suffield with his family, having a daughter born after his removal, viz.: Elizabeth, born September 2, 1683. He died January 2, 1689.

Joseph Seager, perhaps brother of Richard of Windsor, after of Simsbury, married Abigail Taylor of Suffield, September 27, 1680. Children: Joseph, born 1682; John, 1684, and others who died young. Joseph himself and wife Abigail died both in March, 1740, at Suffield, when the name disappears from the record.

Victory Sikes, son of Richard of Springfield, settled in and removed his family to Suffield 1682. He had ten children, but three of whom survived him. He was a carpenter by trade, and with his brother Increase contracted to build a barn at Springfield for Major Pynchon 52 x 24 feet. His three sons Jonathan, Samuel and Victory, Jr., had families and lived in Suffield. Their descendants are numerous. He died April 25, 1708.

Thomas Stevens married 13th October, 1681, Mary, daughter of Thomas Mighill. He had a second wife, Sarah, who died 1695, leaving daughter Sarah. He was from Newberry, probably. The name disappears soon after. He was Land Measurer in 1685.

Stephen Taylor, Jr., son of Stephen of Windsor, married Joanna Porter of Farmington, November 8, 1676; had children, born at Suffield: Sarah, July 6, 1679; Johanna March 28, 1682. He returned to Windsor 1685; there had children, Stephen and William. He died August 3, 1707.

John Taylor, son of Stephen of Windsor, married Sarah Younglove, daughter of Rev. John, September 25, 1682. She died June 17, 1683. He married again, Elizabeth Spencer, daughter of Thomas of Suffield, March 24, 1686; had children: John, January 17, 1687; Nathan, May

20, 1688; he soon after returned to Windsor. He had children at Windsor, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Ebenezer.

Thomas Taylor, son of Stephen of Windsor, married Abigail Roe, daughter of Hugh of Suffield, June 15, 1678. Married his second wife, Hannah, daughter of Launcelot Granger. He died January 6, 1741, leaving no male heirs. None of the descendants of Stephen Taylor, Sr., of Windsor, appear to have afterwards settled at Suffield.

Deacon Jonathan Taylor, son of Jonathan of Springfield was born there March 11, 1655. He married Sarah, daughter of William Brooks of Springfield, July 7, 1678. Children: Mary, born May 3, 1684; Mercy, born September 6, 1686. Sarah, born January 23, 1682. He died January 23, 1726, leaving no male heirs. His homestead, and that of his brother Samuel, was on the west side of Springfield road (now Crooked Lane).

Samuel Taylor, son of Jonathan first, of Springfield, was born there September 8, 1652, married Ruth Cogan. He died at Suffield, September 7, 1689, leaving widow Ruth, and six daughters; no male heirs.

James Taylor, married January 17, 1668, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Taylor, Sr., sister of Deacon Jonathan, Jr., and Samuel; had eight children born at Springfield; nearly all died young. Children born at Suffield: Thomas, January 16, 1684; Samuel, 1686; Rebecca, 1689. Whence he came, or who was his father, is unknown; but he had been a servant of Major Pynchon, and in his family. None of his children appear to have remained in Suffield. Probably he did not long remain here. His homestead is now owned by Henry Fuller, Esq.

Joseph Trumble* (Trumbull) son of John of Rowley, Mass., married Hannah ———— and had children, Hannah, and John, born November 27, 1670 (called John the 1st in Suffield Records), before he came to Suffield. He had a grant of fifty acres in Feather street in 1674, and had settled upon it before King Philip's War. His children born at Suffield were Joseph,† born January 16, 1679; Ammi, born August 1, 1681; Benoni, born August 10, 1684. His oldest son, John 1st, settled in Suffield. His son Joseph settled in Lebanon. Ammi in East Windsor, Benoni in Hebron. Joseph Trumble, Sr., was one of the few qualified voters at the first town meeting; was freeman 1681. He died at Suffield August 15, 1684, five days after his son Benoni was born. He was a farmer, and cut and drew logs for Major Pynchon's saw mill at "Stony River." Some of his

* The Suffield records so spell the name until 1774.

† Father of the first Governor Jonathan.

descendants have been highly distinguished. His grandson, Jonathan, was Governor of Connecticut fourteen years and during the Revolution, and his great-grandson, Jonathan, filled the same place eleven years thereafter, of whom John Trumbull, the painter, was brother. Another grandson and son of Benoni, was Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, the historian of Connecticut. John Trumbull,* the poet, grandson of John the 1st, was a great-grandson of Joseph, the Suffield settler. Many others distinguished of his descendants might be named. His widow, Hannah, died at East Windsor, October 5, 1689, probably at her son Ammi's.

Judah Trumble, son of John of Rowley, and elder brother of Joseph, had a grant of fifty acres in Feather street, north of and next to Joseph's. He married Mary —— and had children born before he left Rowley; viz., John (the second), born March 5, 1675, and Ebenezer who died young. He came to Suffield 1676. Children born here were Joseph, born January 3, 1677; Judah, born January 2, 1679; Mary, born March 20, 1682; William, July 9, 1683; Samuel, June 1, 1685; Ephraim, July 6, 1688. Judah Trumble himself died April 1, 1692. His widow married Victory Sikes as his third wife. Shadrach Trumbull, the last of the name in Suffield, died 1852.

Michael Towsley of Salisbury had been in King Philip's war, 1676, a soldier of Hampton, New Hampshire. He married Mary Hussey June 4, 1678. Removed to Suffield 1680. House lot in High street. Children: Mary, born March 17, 1681; Anne, born July 12, 1683; Michael, January 14, 1684; Margaret, July 11, 1687; Matthew, November 18, 1690. Margaret died November 10, 1694. A son, Nathan, born February 3, died February 8, 1697; Joseph, born July 4, 1698. Michael Towsley himself died November 3, 1712. Mary, his widow, married Jonathan Winchell, being his second wife. She died February 10, 1729. Since that time the name seldom appears.

David Winchell, Windsor, Conn., son of Robert of Dorchester, Mass., married Elizabeth Filley, November 18, 1669. Children: Joseph, born September 13, 1670; Christian, March 9, 1673; Elizabeth, December 9, 1675. Removed to Suffield, probably after Philip's war; had children: David, born March 19, 1682; Mary, born February 8, 1685; Jedediah, born December 29, 1690; Samuel, born June 9, 1693. He was a prominent man in the town, having been a Selectman or Land Measurer for twenty-five years. He surveyed and allotted about nine thousand acres, including the second division. His

* John Trumbull's autobiography makes John instead of Joseph of Suffield the grandfather of the first Governor Jonathan. Dwight's History of Conn., p. 336, Stewart's life of Governor Trumbull, p. 26, and Hollister's History of Conn., vol. ii, p. 428, repeat the same error.

son, Joseph, succeeded him as Land Measurer, and was Proprietor's Clerk, or Town Clerk thirty-two years. Most of Suffield, east of the mountain was laid out and measured by the father and son. David Winchell died December 29, 1723, aged eighty. His widow, Elizabeth, died June 23, 1728, aged seventy-eight. Within a short period the name has disappeared from our records.

Jonathan Winchell, elder brother of David, was a freeman in Windsor, 1669. He came to Windsor from Dorchester 1638, then a child. He married Abigail Brownson of Farmington May 16, 1666. Children were Jonathan, born February 14, 1669; Benjamin, June 28, 1674. Removed to Suffield; had child, Abigail, born June 8, 1679. His wife, Abigail, died March 27, 1710. He married widow Mary Towsley, March, 1713. He died March 5 1714. His house lot in High street was on the south corner of the road to West Suffield, and was afterward the homestead of General Phineas Lyman, and of Hezekiah Huntington, both distinguished lawyers. His sons, Jonathan, and Benjamin, had families and lived in Suffield.

Robert Watson of Windsor had for himself, and son John, each a grant of fifty acres in 1672, which he alienated to his sons, Samuel and Nathaniel in 1686. None of the family settled in Suffield.

Joshua Wells of Windsor had a grant but did not settle or come in possession.

Richard Woolworth or Woolery, a weaver by trade, was in Newberry in 1678, and then thirty years old. Married Hannah Huggins December 24, 1678. Children: Hannah, born February 10, 1681; Mary, born February 22, 1683. Removed to Suffield 1684; there had Elizabeth, born September 29, 1685; Abia, born July 16, 16—, and deceased October 19, 1691; Richard, born December 6, 1687. Hannah, his wife, died July 30, 1691. Elizabeth, his daughter, deceased November 30, 1696. Richard himself died December 21, 1696. His son, Richard, lived at Suffield in 1729, and the name soon disappears.

Robert (Ould) Old married Susannah Hosford at Windsor, Conn. There had Robert, born October 9, 1670; Jonathan, born December 24, 1672, died December 19, 1696. Removed to Suffield 1673, Northampton Road—that part of it afterward called "Old Street." Children born at Suffield were: Mindwell, born February 4, 1674 (the first white child born at Suffield); Handford, born March 24, 1677; William, born February 7, 1679, died August 24, 1680; William, second of the name, born August 28, 168–; Ebenezer, born December 22, 1688, died December 30, 1688; Susannah, born October 21, 1683. His wife, Susannah, died January 6, 1688. He married second wife, Dorothy, daughter of Launcelot Granger, April 1, 1689. Children: John, born January 11, 1691; Ebenezer, born January 22, 1693;

Josiah, born March 4, 1695, died December 28, 1712; Jonathan, born June 8. 1698; Nathaniel, born March 2, 1702; Joseph, born February 3, 170–.

Robert Old himself died January 16, 1728. A small slab in the old church-yard marks his burial place. From whence he came to Windsor, or who were his ancestors is unknown. The addition of the letter (s) to the surname is of late date in Suffield records. In 1696, "Goodman" Old made brick, and built the chimney for the minister's house. In 1694, he was appointed town agent to manage their case before the General Assembly in regard to their "rates," which were burdensome. Several of his sons remained in Suffield, and had families. His sons, Jonathan and Robert, Jr., had lands allotted them in Springfield, west of the river, in 1720, and lived there at that time. He was not qualified to vote at the first town meeting, and probably was never made a "Freeman."

GRANTS,

Petitions and Deeds for Suffield.

THE FIRST GRANT FOR A PLANTATION AT STONY RIVER, BY THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT, MAY 31, 1660.

In * ans^r^ to the petition of Henry Pouning: John Grouer: Willyam Halsey Thomas Hally: Thomas Stocker: & James Hill: humbly craving the Graunt of a sufficyent quantity of Land to make a plantation at a place called by y^e^ name of Stony Ryuer: on both sides of the way to Connecticott &c: The Court judgeth it meete to graunt this peticon: viz^t^ seven miles square: five yeares exemption from publicke rates for theire estates there provided, that in fower yeeres: they have twenty familyes settled there: and an able minister: otherwise these graunts to be voyd.†

AN ACT PASSED BY THE SELECTMEN OF SPRINGFIELD JAN. 14, 1669.

Severall‡ persons desiring Grants of Land: at towards: or about Stony Ryuer on the west of the Great Ryuer towards Windsor: Having taken the same into Consideration together: Now it is said by many p^sons that if it were ordered, and managed aright; it might make a fine village, or small plantation.

Wee therefore commende it to the Towne to consider how far they see cause, to consider or settle y^e^ same. Now in the mean time in refference to those, that desire Grants there, wee judge meete, that Samuel and Joseph Harmon have 30 acres of Land apiece there & 6 acres apiece of Wet meadow. Also that John Lamb have 30 acres there & 6 acres of Wet Meadow. And Benjamin Parsons have 30 acres of Land & 6 acres of Wet Meadow. And Griffith Jones for his 2 sons have 20 acres apiece: and 4 acres of Wet meadow apiece; All on condition they attend such termes as shall be concluded on by the Com^tee^ appointed for ordering y^e^ same.

The following is a copy of the petition for the new town, with names of the petitioners and the answers thereto by the Court. The

* Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, Part 1, p. 423.

† Bliss' Historical Address delivered in 1828, which contains the best history of Springfield yet written, says: That a settlement was commenced in Suffield in 1660 or 1661.

‡ Springfield Town Records.

petition was favorably received by the magistrates, but denied by the deputies. This occurred at the May session, 1670. In October following, the petition was granted. Not one of the petitioners became a settler, but many of them labored faithfully for more than ten years to fill the complement of settlers, as required by the Grant.

This petition and answer are in manuscript, and found in the Colonial archives at Boston.

PETITION.

"To the Highly Honn^d & The Gen^rll Co^rte of the Massachusetts.

The humble Petition of Diverse of y^e Inhabitants of Springfield, on the behalfe of y^e Towne. Sheweth That there being a quantity of land betweene Springfield & Westfield & the South Lyne of y^e Colony w^ch wee conceive may be capable of a small Plantation, and for that there are diverse P^rsons amongst us that greatly want conveniences of Land for improvement for their familyes, who desire to sett upon worke in that quarter & to p^rvent the marring of that w^ch may be a comfortable Towneship by such as otherwise may take up those Lands for farmes & to P^reserve the Lands and woods of the South line of the Collony in that quarter towards Windsor.—Wee doe humbly intreat this much Honno^d Co^rte to graunt unto yo^r petition^rs for y^e use of such as want conveniences of Land in this Towne, a quantity of Land for y^e end aforesaid:

And that the Honno^rd Co^rte would be pleased to allow five or six yeares liberty for setting downe there & making a Plantation:—the difficulty of winning those woody lands requiring longer tyme than ordinary to settle upon: there being scarce any open land to begin with: That God only wise would sitt amongst yo^r Honn^rs guiding you to his Glory & y^e comfort of His People: Pray:

Yo'.^r most Humble Petition.^rs

John Pynchon,	Henry Chapin,
George Coulton,	Rowland Thomas,
Nathaniel Ely,	Thomas Stebbin,
Anthony Dorchester,	Samuell Chapin,
Elizur Holyoke,	Loronce Bliss,
Benjamin Cooley,	Jonathan Burt,
Samuel Marshfield,	*Richard Sicks,
Benjamin Parsons,	Miles Morgan.

ANSWER.

In answer to y^e petition of diverse of y^e Inhabitants of Springfield craving liberty for erecting of a Towneship on the West side of their Great River towards Windsor: This Court doeth graunt to the Petitioners a Tract of Land lying Southward of Springfield & Westfield Bounds & so toward the South line of o^r Pattent line to the contents of six miles square & so to be laid out as may be most convenient for a Plantation or Towneship: Provided there be One Hundred acres of

* "Richard Sicks" (Sikes, Sykes, Syckes) was ancestor of all of that name in N. E. Victory (Vicary), his son, was a first settler of Suffield.

Land laid out w^th^in the said Tract for the Generall Court or Country's use: And provided in five years time, there be twenty familys settled on the place & that they take care for the procuring and maintayning some able minister there, & y^t^ not above eighty acres be granted to any one person: And for the managing of the affaires of this Towneship Receiving Inhabitants, Granting Land w^th^in the tract aforesaid & ordering all prudentialls propper to the same: This Court doeth appoint Capt. John Pynchon Capt. Elizur Holyoake Leftenant Cooper Quarter Master Colton and Ensigne Cooly: or any three of them, Capt. Pynchon to be one: a Committee for that end Who are hereby Impowered to act accordingly & to continue till this Courte shall otherwise order. The Magistrates have past this! Their Brethren the Deputies thereto.

Ed^w^ Rawson Secret^y^.

The Deputyes consent not hereto!

Wm. Torrey Clerc

The Deputyes not consenting with o^r^ Honn'^rd^ Magistrates in the answer to Springfield p^'^ for a tract of land betweene Springfield Westfeild* & Windsor, doe yet judge meete that there be reserved such a convenient quantitie of y^e^ said Land as may be for a plantation, when any considerable number of fitt p'sons shall appear to make p'sent Improvement thereof.

With refference to the consente of o^r^ Hon'^bl^ Magis^ts^ hereto.

William Torrey Clerc

Consented to by y^e^ Magis^ts^

Day 25 mo. (3) 1670. Edw. Rawson Secret'y.

LAND SET APART BY THE GENERAL COURT FOR A NEW PLANTATION.

In answer to the Peticon of severall Inhabitants of Springfield, humbly desiring the favour of this Court to grant them a tract of Land betweene Springfield & Westfeild, the Court judgeth it meete to order: that there be a convenient quantity of Land betweene Springfield and Westfeild & Windsor as may be for a plantation: when any considerable number shall appeare to make present improvement therefor.

THE FINAL GRANT FOR A PLANTATION AT STONY RIVER.

Oct^r^ 12th, 1670. †In answer to the Petition of dyuers of the Inhabitants of Springfeild: craving liberty for the erecting of a Touneship on the West side of y^e^ Ryuer Connecticott towards Windsor:

This Court doth grant ynto y^e^ Petitioners a tract of Land lying southward of Springfeild and Westfeild bounds: to the contente of sixe miles square, to be layed out there for a plantation or Touneship: provided there be five hundred acres of Land layd out to this sayd Tract, for the Generall Court or Country's yse. One Hundred acres of it to be layd neere the place where their Meeting House shall be, and provided that in five yeares time, there be twenty familyes settled on the place,

* Our ancestors were careless in spelling, as the same word is often spelled differently in the same sentence. These seeming errors are copied as in the original.

† Vol. IV., Part II., Mass. Col. Rec.

and that they take care for the procuring, and maintaining some able minister there: and that not above 80 acres of land be granted to any one person, or family till at least twenty famylies be settled there:

And for the managing the affaires of this touneship: receiving inhabitants granting w^th^in the tract afore^sd^ and ordering all prudentialls propper to the same, this Court doeth appoint——Capt. John Pynchon, Capt. Eliaz^r^ Holyoke, Lejf^t^ Cooper——Qr Master Colton, Ens^n^ Cooly, & Rowland Thomas: or any three of them, whereof Capt. Pynchon to be one: A Comittee for that end, who are hereby impowered to act accordingly & so to continue till this Court shall otherwise order.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COURT.*

BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED.

May 20th, 1674. The Honor^d^ General Court in October 1670 having granted a tract of Land to the content of sixe miles square on the West Side of the Ryuer Connecticot, between Springfield and Windsor, to severall persons for a plantation: and having likewise appointed a Comittee to manage the affaires thereof; the sayd Comittee hereto subscribing, did lay out the bounds of the sayd plantation on the 21st of March 1671, and would have made returne thereof to the Honor^d^ Generall Court there next following; had not they delayed in refference to the setling the line between this Colony and Connecticott Colony, which possibly might have occasioned some alteration.†—But that Colony not manifesting their acceptance of the concession of this Court——The said Comittee haue thought it meet: severall familyes being there already setled—not to delay any longer, but now to make return to this Honor^d^ Court of their worke in laying out the bounds of the s^d^ Plantation: Which are as followeth: The North bounds of this new plantation: joyning to Springfield South Bounds, on the west side of the Connecticot Ryuer is at a little gutter about halfe a mile below the Brooke commonly called the three mile brooke below Lieut. Cooper's house viz! At two tall middling trees standing about two foote from each other, the one a walnut, the other an oak, which stands on the knap or brow of the hill on the north side of that gutter by the great Ryuer Side, within three or fower rod, where the gutter emptyes itselfe into the Great River——The sayd trees being marked: are the north bounds of this new plantation—and thence the bounds run ypon the due west line about fower miles and a half from the Ryuer Connecticott: till it meet with Westfield Bounds: and from the sayd two trees, the East bound is the s^d^ Ryuer Connecticott and is sixe miles southward ypon the square from the sayd west line.

The south border of this new plantation is a due west lyne drawne from a large white oake, marked standing on the banck of the Ryuer Connecticott; two or three Rods from the s^d^ Ryuer: and about a halfe a mile below the Island, neere the foote of the falls in the Great Ryuer, and from the said white oake the south border extends seven mile and a half due west, many trees being marked in that range or lyne.—The sayd Comittee have also setled one hundred acres of Land

* Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 5, p. 12, 13. † See pp. 12, 13.

for the Generall Court and Country's yse as the Court enjoyned lying on the South Side of Stony Brooke neare where Northampton and Springfield ways to Windsor meet; there being a tract of good land, and not farr from the place called the Meeting House hill. And the other fower Hundred acres of Land for the Country is to lye at the South West corner of this Plantation there being good land in that Quarter for that purpose.—The said Comittee doth also humbly propose: that the Honor[d] Court would please to grant this Plantation seven yeares freedome from Country Rates, as incouragement for the planters; it being a very woody place, and difficult to winne: also that the name of the place may be Suffeild, (an abbreviation of Southfeild,) it being the souther-most town that either at present is: or like to be in that Country, and neere adjoining to the South border of our patent in those parts.

JOHN PYNCHON,
ELIZUR HOLYOKE.

June 3d, 1674. In the name of the Comittee.

The Court approves & confirmes this returne of the Comittee, that of rates only excepted & insteed thereof doe grant to y[e] s[d] plantation fower yeeres exemption from Country rates.

CONCESSION OF THE MASS. GENERAL COURT TO CONNECTICUT AS TO ENLARGEMENT OF WINDSOR BOUNDS.*

15 May 1672 Uppon the motion of the gent[n] Mr. John Allyn & Mr. Wayte Winthrop commissionated from the Generall Court of Connecticot to treate about the lyne betweene ys & them, & setling their bounds, although our south lyne† hath binn stated and setled many yeares since, yet, to shew our readiness to an amicable and loving complyance w[th] them touching that affaire, and in order to the accomodating their antient toune of Windsor, whose bounds, as they say, are to much streightned & some mens proprietyes prejudiced by our south line bordering so neare up on the sayd tounes of Windsor & Symsbury; This Court doe therefore grant to Connecticot that the bounds of Windsor may come northward into our lyne to the foote of the Falls in Connecticot River above Windsor, and so much y'p the ryuer into the falls there as to state & setle the bounds between us forty rodds below the ffoote of the great Island against the falls in Connecticot River: and that from thence a lyne be runne from the Great River Connecticot fower miles east, and then to runn south to our lyne already runne and settled many yeares since: and for the west side of Connecticot Ryuer also, that, at forty rod below the foote of the island aforesayd, the line to runn & continue from the great river aforesayd tenn miles west, and then to runne south to our lyne where it was runne last yeare by Maj[or] Pynchon at the appointment of this Court: and in this concession of ours wee declare no former grants by this Court to particcular persons shall be prejudiced & that there shall be free liberty of tymber for the use of the saw mill on Stony Ryuer neere these bounds, our lyne :. and in case of the Generall Court

* Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. IV., Part 2, Page 529,
† Woodward & Saffery's Line of 1642.

of Connecticott's non acceptance of this our neighborly and amicable consideration, this concession and condiscention shall by no person or persons, way or meanes whatsoever, be any wayes construed to the least question or prejudice of our indubitate right in our lyne for above thirty yeares since runne and setled; and on their acceptance hereof, that the said grant & concession be runn by Majr Pynchon, or his order, giving notice to the gentn of Connecticot to order some of theires to join wth him therein & that this be donn. before winter: and that there be once in three yeares a runing the same & keeping vp the marks & bounds thereof, by some of the next tounes adjoyning or bordering on the same.*

JOHN PYNCHON'S DEED.†

These presents Testifie that I John Pynchon of Springfield several yeares since Made a purchase of Lands at Suffield of the Indians for the Inhabitants of Suffield and particularly bought the Land on the Northerly side of the town of Suffield next to Springfield & adjoining to Springfield Bound of Pampunckshat, and the Land from thence southward against the Falls and downward a great way Southward of, below Stony Brook, taking in Pipestave Swamp so called, and all the Land westward from the River toward Masaco‡ of Misknousqus alias Margery to whom the right of all those Lands did then belong by the acknowledgment and grant of the chief Indians, which Lands; that next to Springfield on the North where the line runs between Springfield and Suffield was bought of Pampunckshat, & from Springfield line southward along by the Great River down to Lacows, or Lacowsick, about the Falls, & from all that breadth, or length out westward several miles till it meets with Westfield Bounds: this Pampunckshat sold, and from Lacows or Lacowsick, and so southerly toward Windsor a great way below Stony Brook; and the Land being called Squotuck, Maygauag, Wecups &c by the Great River on the East; from whence it runs Westerly many miles, taking in the ledge of hill, or mountains; and taking in Ashawalas, and Wenekeiamaug, and all the swamps thereabouts down toward Masaco, & particularly the swamp by the English called Pipestave Swamp, together with all the Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, and uplands, all which were bought, and purchased of Misnousqus, alias Margery. Whom I well and truly paid for the same to their satisfaction, as by their severall Deeds for Said Land appears. For all which I have Received of the Inhabitants of Suffield Forty Pounds: and do hereby acknowledge the same, and to be fully sattisfyed and contented therewith. For purchase of Said Lands and do hereby

* This so-called concession was not accepted by Connecticut, and the line between the towns of Windsor, Simsbury and Suffield remained unsettled until 1713. The commissioners allowed the claim of Simsbury; and Suffield was shorn of its south-western corner. This ended the complaints and troubles which had existed more than 40 years, and the Suffield planters abandoned with sore hearts their dreams of wealth which were supposed might be realized from the mines of copper and iron within the disputed territory. [See pp. 11 and 12.]

† The Pynchon deed is inserted here for convenient reference, though the conveyance was not formally made until 1685. Book A, B, Hampshire Co. Rec., p. 57, and Old Book of Suff'd Rec., p. 260.

‡ Simsbury.

declare and Testifie that I acted in the premises for the Touse of Suffield, and Inhabitants thereof in General; and do for me, my heirs and assigns resign up all my General Right, Title, and Interest in said Land afore mentioned. That is to all said Tract of Land within Suffield Bounds according as Granted to them for a Towneship by the General Court of the Massachusetts, reserving only what particluar Grant, or Right I have therein either to Land, or Streems,* Granted and Set apart to myself. This only excepted to me my heirs and assigns for ever. All the rest of the Land there within the afore said Tract, now, and henceforth to belong, and be to the severall Inhabitants of Suffield, Proprietors thereof, according as each man's portion is at present laid to him, or hereafter shall be Granted or Distributed to them or their heirs and assigns by y^e^ Town of Suffield aforesaid.

And by these Presents doe for myself, my heirs, Executors, and Assigns, relinquish all Right and Title to the Land afore said, except as before excepted. Ratifying and confirming the afore mentioned Land, (according to the Grant of y^e^ General Court to them) unto the said Town of Suffield afore said, that is to say: to the present Inhabitants, or Proprietors thereof, according to each mans proportion therein for the use and benefit of said Inhabitants, or Proprietors, according to their several Grants and Privileges already allowed them, or that shall hereafter be allowed or Granted them.

To them and to their absolute benefit, and to them or any of their heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and seal, This Thirteithth Day of April 1685.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
JOHN HOLYOKE,
JOHN LAMB,
SAM^EL^ MARSHFIELD.

JOHN PYNCHON, a seal.

At y^e^ County Court at Springfield Sept. 29th 1685 Maj^r^ John Pynchon Esqr formaly appeared in said Court and acknowledged his signing, and sealing this Instrument, as a Test.

JOHN HOLYOKE, Clerk.

* See p. 57.

Suffield Town Book of Records.

For recording of Grants, Orders, etc., began with the acts of the Committee from January, 167$\frac{9}{8}$*, and continued on until their discharge in A. D. 168$\frac{4}{5}$, and so proceeding in recording and entering the acts of the Town.

A book containing Orders, Acts, Grants & settlements respecting the Township of Suffield lying on the West Side of the Connecticut River, Southward of Springfield & Westfield bounds. Which tract of Land to the contents of Six Miles Square was granted for a Plantation, or Township by the Honored General Court of the Massachusetts, in October, 1670. Who then also as by order of said general Court more fully appears:

Appointed and impowered
CAPT. JOHN PYNCHON,
MR. ELIZUR HOLYOKE,
LT. THOMAS COOPER,
BENJAMIN COOLEY,
GEORGE COLTON,
and
ROWLAND THOMAS,

or any three of them to be a Committee to make Grants of Land there, & to manage the affairs of s^{d} Plantation, Mr. Pynchon being one.

ACTS OF THE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Committee above mentioned for ordering the affairs of this New Plantation all being present:

Jan. 12th, 167$\frac{9}{8}$.

1^{sty}. It is agreed and concluded by the Said Committee that the Land in this place be proportioned unto about four score shares, or House Lots, at present & that the Lots shall be of four sorts, or ranks, to wit! the Highest or Greatest Lot, or share. Eighty Acres & no more at present: The second sort or rank of Lots Sixty Acres: the third Fifty Acres: and the lowest Allotment Forty Acres. And by reason of the scarcity of Meadow in the place, that the Meadow be thus

* Before 1752 the year began March 25th throughout England and her colonies. After that date, by an act of Parliament, the year began January 1st, which had been the rule in Catholic countries since 1582. On this account it was common to double date between January 1st and March 25th. The lower figure accords with the present mode of reckoning.

proportioned (Viz: Eight acres of meadow to an eighty acre allotment.

Six acres of meadow to a Sixty acre Lot. Five acres of Meadow to a Fifty Acre allotment, and four acres of Meadow to a Forty Acre allotment: and because Meadow is so scarce, that it is doubtfull whether it will reach to the small proportion afores[d] it is therefore agreed and ordered, that all such low and good land, or swamps as shall be judged in stead of Meadow: It shall be accounted and proportioned for meadow, and where any meadow, or any such low and good swamp Land as afores[d] shall fall within any man's share, or allotment of upland, it shall be accounted Meadow to him: and reckoned as part of his share of meadow; yet so as, that his whole allotment shall be made up to him notwithstanding.

2[dly]. It is agreed that for the determining what sort or rank of ollotment shall be granted to any Planter or admitted Inhabitant Respect shall be had to the Quallity, Estate, Usefulness, and other considerations of such Persons: and according thereunto the share or Grant of allotment to be proportioned to each Planter as the Committee (direct).

3[dly]. It is agreed and ordered that whatever Divisions of Meadow Land may be hereafter; If any more Meadow Land be to be divided; and all after divisions of other Lands, Woods and Pasturages, shall be made to every Planter accepted and admitted, according to the aforesaid Proportions or Grants of Allotments to him.

4[thly]. It is agreed that all the common charges which are or shall be expended for the settling of this Town, and laying it out; procuring a minister, and providing for him or any other matter or thing conducing to the publick good of the Town, shall all be raised in proportion upon the Inhabitants according to their Grants or Allotments; All Grants to Men being hereby declared to be made to them on these terms that they do accordingly pay Rates to the Ministry, Town &c; and all after Grants; the Grantees are to Defray their Proportions to all Common Charges accordingly.

5[thly]. In regard to this Township by reason of the lying of the Land must be cast into several Divisions: It is therefore ordered, that between each Division there be Highways laid out of sixteen, or twenty Rods broad, and also Convenient Highways of about six, eight or Ten Rods Wide among the Lots for turning, and driving Cattle into the Common, and for the pasturage of Sheep.

6[thly]. And because we cannot foresee What Need may be of Highways hereafter in Places which are not now thought on: It is therefore ordered: that all Highways, which shall by the Committee, or afterward by the Select Men of this Township be judged usefull for the Inhabitants within Seven years after each man's Grant and settling in the Place, they shall be laid out, where they may be thought most Convenient, and usefull for the Publick advantage: Notwithstanding any Man's Propriety there. All Grants of Land to every man being hereby declared to be made to the Grantees, with the Reserve of Highways to be laid out throu their Land if need shall be found thereof within Seven years after their Grant and Settling; only It is provided that so much Land as is taken from any man, for a Highway, the like Quantity of Land shall be Allow[d] him in some other place, and that as

good for the Quality of it in the judgment of the Committee—or Select Men; and no other allowance to be made for Land taken from men for Highways in Seven Years after their Settling.

7thly. It is agreed that such Persons who first appear to plant this Town: they shall have liberty of Choice in which Division to settle, and they to have their Lots there.

8thly. It is agreed and Determined that the Petitioners* for this Place Who obtained a Grant thereof from the Honored General Court in October last, they shall all of them have allotments there if they desire it, and will signify so to the Committee by the 20th of May next; and that they will in three years and a half from the said 20th of May next; fence, and improve some Acres of Land, and all other Persons who shall desire, and have Lots granted them in this place, they shall within six months pay their proportion to all common charges; and shall also within three years and a half from the 20th of May next improve their said Land by fencing, and Clearing some Acres; and building on it, so as to be there Inhabiting, and fully settled by the time Viz! the 20th of November 1674, that it may be accounted truly the Place of their fixed Residence, and settled aboad; or otherwise their Grant shall become void, and all their Land there Return into the hands of the Comtee to Dispose of to any other Person who may come and settle there: And such as thus loose their Land by not settling on it, shall also forfeit all their Charges they have expended thereabout, provided always the Commtee Do Reserve power in their own hands to dispense with the strictness of their orders in some particular cases where they shall see good reason for it.

9thly. It is further ordered that all persons thatt shall have Grants of Allotments: and shall settle on them, they shall for seven years Continue their Dwelling there, or settle them as aforesaid, Before they shall have any power to sell, alienate, or any ways dispose of any of their said Land to any other person, or persons, and then to such only as the Committee or Select Men approve of.

10thly. It is further agreed that if Persons of considerable Quality, or Estate, who may thereby be a furtherance to the place shall desire accommodation of Land yet not being willing to engage the settling there in their own person: such person or Persons, if they will Ingage the Disbursing such considerable Estate there as in the Judgment of the Comtee will be advantageous to the Place, they may also have Grants of Land there, provided that if they shall not see Cause to live there themselves, they do settle such persons on the Land Granted them, as the Commtee shall approve off, and Continue him or them as aforesaid.

11thly. It is ordered that a Convenient allotment of 60 or 80 acres near the Centre of the Town be Reserved for the property of the first Minister† that shall settle on the place, and have this Lot unless he be otherwise provided for by some particular Grant to him as a planter.

12thly. It is ordered that a convenient allotment of 80 acres be set apart for the Ministry,‡ & to continue, & be improved for that use for Ever, & not Granted away, or sold, or any way alienated therefrom. The true intent of this Order & Grant is the Continuance of this Allot-

* None of these Petitioners settled here. † See p. 15. ‡ See pp. 18, 19.

ment for the Ministry, or use of the Church of God in this place forever: by Improving the Land for maintaining of such Minister as shall from Time to Time preach the word of God to the Inhabitants and people of this place, & if any kind of Grant of this allotment shall happen to be Contrary to this stating & settling of it for the Ministry forever; all such Grants and alienations of it to become void & null & are so in themselves. This allotment itself & the Income of it to be put to no other use but towards the Maintainence of the Minister, or Ministers of the word of God, Except, in the vacancy of a Minister; or Preacher of God's word in this place at any time, then the Improvement, or Income of it to go towards the Procuring one, or fer some Pious use.

13thly. Also it is ordered that there be a forty (40) Acre Allotment set apart in some Convenient Place towards the Support, and Maintainance of A School* within the said Town, and to Continue and be improv^{d}, for and to that use forever Without any Alienation therefrom all which is hereby declared against; and that it shall become void.

14thly. It is ordered that there be one Hundred Acres of Land laid out for the General Court, or Country's use,† in some Convenient place not far Distant from where the Meeting House shall be; and four

*The School Lot lay as common until 1690, when James King, whose lot adjoined it, had "liberty to improve an acre or two."

From 1703 to 1722 he "hired" the whole lot at 5 shillings a year, when his son William had it 10 years more, at the same annual rent.

It was then leased to various persons, for short periods of 3 to 5 years, until 1750 the Town receiving but little income therefrom.

In 1746 Capt. Phineas Lyman, Samuel Kent, and William King were appointed by the Town to devise a plan to lease it for a longer period. In 1760 The Town voted "to sell and lease out the School Lot for 999 years, for 1000 Pounds old Tenor with good Land security."

It was sold, two-thirds to Ebenezer Noble, one-third to Dudley Kent. Ebenezer Noble unable to pay for his, deeded it back to the Town in 1773, when it was again sold for a less sum.

In 1716, the school meadow containing 4 acres was laid out, it being the second Division land belonging to the School Lot. It was located against the south end of Taintor-Hill Highway, and Stony Brook. This was also leased and sold to Capt. John, and Capt. Oliver Granger for 18£ 17s 5d.

In 1800 a Committee was appointed "to adjust and divide the School Bonds between the two Societies. They reported in 1801 the principal Due on School Notes, or Bonds, and division as follows:

	£	s	d
Ebenezer Harmon, School Lot, Bonds,	47	02	00
Peletiah A. Burbank, " " "	57	18	00
Capt. Oliver Granger, School meadow,	18	17	05
Amounting to $396.74.			
Given to 1st Society P. A. Burbank's Note,	$198	00	
" " " " Ebenezer Harmon's "	68	24	
" " 2d " Ebenezer Harmon's "	98	26	
" " " " Oliver Granger's "	46	24	

These amounts secured by mortgage were placed with the Treasurers of the Societies, there to remain for the benefit of schooling forever.

The income was faithfully applied to that object until 1856, when School Societies were abolished, and these Bonds, or notes, were given up to the Town Treasurer. At this time the notes held by the 2d Society were in the name of John Rising for $98.26, and O. W. Kellogg for $46 24.

† See pp. 28, 29.

Hundred Acres more for the use of the Country: Also in some Convenient place on the outside of the Bounds of this Township, according to the Order of the General Court.

15thly.* That there be a Convenient Piece of Land, of about twenty or thirty acres, laid out in the Center of the Town, and set apart for the Common Use: as to set the Meeting House on, or School House; or for a Training Place, or any other Publick Use to be left Common.

16thly. That for Incouragement of some persons to build a Cornmill† and Saw Mill‡ the Commtee do agree to allow to such person, or persons as shall undertake the same, Sixty Acres of Land for each mill and that as conveniently as may be adjoining to such Place, or Places as may be most meet for the Purpose, or best suit the Desires of such Undertakers; and do Grant all Conveniences of the Streams to such Persons, and free Liberty for Cutting Timber in the Commons for Boards, and such like uses: and their proportion according to other Grants in all after Divisions of Land.

17thly. The Committee do Reserve Liberty in their Hands to Grant more Lots, over and above those first agreed on, if they find the place will bear it afterward. Though some such Lots may be less in Quantity than the first Grants, and all such Lots according to the Quantity of Land they are Granted, shall also have their Proportions with others in all after Divisions, and pay to all Common Charges as others do.

18thly. The Commtee Do Order that all Persons who shall this Winter have Grants of Land made to them: They shall before the 20th of May next declare to the Commtee their Acceptance thereof, on the Terms proposed; and that they shall accordingly go on with Settlement on their Lots: or Else Such Grants to them to be accounted as Null, and Void, and for all after Grants, the Grantees shall within Three months Time after the Date of their Grants, alike declare to the Commtee their Acceptance thereof upon the Terms Proposed: and according to the Orders in the foregoing Leaves: or else such Grant to them to be accounted as Null, and so to be Wholly Void, If the Grantee do not Declare to the Commtee before the time Expired acceptance thereof. Accordingly the Commtee having drawn up the Orders aforesd: by Which Orders, Conditions, or Agreements, they intend to Walk in, Making Grants of Allotments they read the same to many Persons present: and left all to further Consideration till this Day a fortnight, When they appointed to meet again: And gave Publick Notice of the Meeting, that such as pleased might attend for Grants.

FIRST GRANTS.

The Commtee for this New Plantation at Stony Brook Met Jan^{ry} 26th, 167§. Present J Pynchon
Mr Holyoke
Lieut Cooper
Benj^{n} Cooley
George Colton and
Rowland Thomas.

At this Meeting the Commtee again Considered the Particulars, and

* See p. 60. † See p. 60. ‡ See p. 64.

Orders in the foregoing Leaves, and all fully consented, and agreed to them all, Ratifying, and Confirming the same as Orders for Carrying on, and Settling the Plantation. Accordingly, and at this Meeting a Great Many of Persons being present: and putting in for Grants of Land: we Read the Orders, & Terms of their Grants to them Once and again; after which Many still desiring Land, and to be admitted into the New Plantation: The Comm^tee proceeded to Grant on the Terms proposed as followeth.

To Samuel Harmon, 50 Acres
Joseph Harmon 50 "
Nath^l Harmon 40 "
Zerubbabel Fyler 60 "
Robert Old 50 "

GENERAL DIVISIONS.

May 16th 1671. The Comm^tee for Stony River Plantation Met being there on the Place.

Present J PYNCHON, MR HOLYOKE
LT COOPER BENJ^A COOLEY and
GEORGE COLTON.

We settled several Divisions, or Places where mens lands should ly and be taken up, as one on the North Side of Stony Brook, by Northampton Road, where the *Harmon's* are to take up part of their Land and some others, Also we laid out the Town Plat a little Eastward from this Land, Something towards the Great River, on the North Side of Stony Brook: where we stated the Highway, or Street: Running from Stony Brook, Northward toward Springfield, and called this street High Street, where we intend, and Order the Meeting House shall be set.* This to be a double Street, and to build upon both sides of it: those on the West side of it: their Lots to run back Westward to Muddy Brook, & those on the East side of this High Street, their Lots to run back from it Eastward Twelve Score Rods; there meeting with; or adjoining to at least the upper part of these Lots, though not Downward. Another Range of Lots which Come from Feather Street Near the Great River, though some distance from the Great River, there being Some Land left there for a Common, Next the Great River. This Range of Lots in Feather Street, which is only a single Range, having the Land before them Common to the Great River. from the Front of their Lots, Where they are to build. The Lots run back Westward toward High Street, Twelve Score Rods, and some what more: there being a little allowance in the length of Feather Street Lots, as being Judged somewhat meaner than them in High Street. All which Lots are to rear one upon another: Except at the lower End, or Southwardly next to Stony Brook.—Grants of Land made are as followeth:—

To Jon^th Winchell 60 acres
" David Winchell 60 "
" George Jefferys 50 " on the Terms as formerly proposed.
" Sam^l Cross

*See Section 15, pp. 57, 60

BOUNDARIES.

Mch 20th 167½ At a meeting of the Comm^tee for ordering the affairs of the Plantation.

Present CAPT HOLYOKE,	J PYNCHON,
LT COOPER,	BENJ^a COOLEY,
GEORGE COLTON,	ROWLAND THOMAS,

Agreed to lay out the Bounds of Stony River Plantation, according to the Grant of the Honored Gen^l Court, to the content of Six Miles Square, and that the South bounds of it be a little below the foot of the Island; or near about half a Mile below the Island, in the Great River against the Falls. As Lt Cooper, and Quarter Master Colton, who are appointed to go about the work To morrow, shall see meet. This being near about Six Miles from Springfield Bounds to that Place, They are to begin thereabout at the Great River, and thence to Run on upon a West line at least Six Miles or more, and Charles Fery, Joseph Leonard, Samuel Harmon and Joseph Harmon, are appointed to attend them in this work for running the Line, and Marking it out. And what they shall do herein; they are Speedily to make Return thereof to the Committee.

The Return of the Persons above mentioned, which were appointed to lay out the Bounds of this Plantation, is as followeth.

We began about half a Mile below the Island in the Great River at the Falls; upon the top of a rising, or Hill; *Where there had been a cellar dug*,* being about Eighty Rods above the Brook, on the East Side of the Great River: commonly called Saltonstalls Brook, against which, we Marked a Great Tree on the West Side of the Great River. The first Tree we marked, being a large White Oak, standing 2 or 3 Rods from the Bank of the Great River. The 2^d Tree we marked was a Black Oak in the Range about 6 Rods further Westward, and so running on upon a West Line Six Miles, Marking several Trees in the Range, we fell under the East Side of the Foot of the Mountain. The line running about 20 Rod to the Northward of a pretty large Marsh, or Meadow, which lay on the south of our line, and over the swamp which goeth down on the Back Side of this Meadow, about 2 Rod to a Great Black Oak, which we marked on all four sides. That this is a True account of what we have done:† Witness our hand this 21st day of March 167½.

These Persons went on the Range but six miles, but the line is to go on further West, a Mile and a Half more, to Make Seven Miles and a Half, and so this Return is accepted by the Comm^tee.

So the North Line, by Reason of Westfield Bounds, Can be but Four Miles and a half.‡

THOS COOPER	GEORGE COLTON
CHARLES FERRY	JOSEPH LEONARD
SAMUEL HARMON	JOSEPH HARMON

* This cellar may have been dug when the first attempt to settle the Town was made in 1661.

† See p. 10. p. 49.

‡ See Town Lines, pp. 12, 49.

PUBLIC GRANTS.

April 2d 1672. Present at a Meeting of the Comm^tee, and at Stony Brook—

JOHN PYNCHON	GEO COLTON
LT THO^s COOPER	BENJ^a COOLEY

We laid out High Street, Determined the Place for the Meeting House, having appointed the "Minister's Lot"* and a Lot† for the Ministry—which is to continue for that use forever. These lying Near where a Highway is to run from High Street Westward, over Muddy Brook to the Lots in the Westward Division, and so to the Commons, The Lot for the Ministry being a little Northward of this Westward Highway; and on the East side of High Street And hereabouts We determine the Meeting House‡ to be set; Having ordered some Vacant Land here, for a Training Place &c. By settling in the Streets on both sides, so that here it may be 30 or 40 Rods broad for the use afores^d, and thereby Room enough left on the Hill, or Highland there for Training and other uses on either side of the Meeting House. Here are also some Lots reserved for hereafter, to be Granted to Usefull Persons as Need may be for their Dwellings, either on the East or West Side of High Street.

We have also agreed, and appointed, and determined That the§ One Hundred Acres of Land for the General Court or Country's Use, shall ly and be measured out on the South side of Stony Brook, Where the good Land is; that is upon the rising Hill, where Northampton Road Comes near into Springfield Road, it being opposite to High Street, and not far from the Place where the Meeting House is intended to be set. The other 400 Acres‖ for the Country to ly at the South West Corner of this Plantation; taking in a pretty large Marsh or Meadow under the East side of the Mountain Foot, adjoining to the South Line of this Plantation.

Mr. Pynchon undertakes the building of a Saw Mill¶ according to the Grant of Land made, and proposed for Incouragement thereof which he ingages to take care for building of it in some Convenient Place on Stony Brook, as soon as may be, and when Inhabitants shall appear anything Considerably settling themselves there.

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* The "Minister's Lot" of 80 acres was given to the Rev. John Younglove, the first minister, in 1679. The Second Baptist Society now own about 12 acres of it, upon which they built a parsonage in 1840, near the spot where stood John Younglove's House. See p. 74.

† The "Lot for the Ministry" of 20 acres, is continued for that use, being leased by perpetual lease. See p. 19.

‡ The first Meeting House was located by the Committee upon the Common (now the park), and there built, about the year 1680. When the 2d Meeting House was built in 1700. the site was changed to the "top of the Hill against the burying place," as at present. See pp. 57, 58.

§ See p. 28.

‖ Now in E. Granby.

¶ See pp. 21, 62.

ADDITIONAL ORDERS.

Jan^{y} 10th 167$\frac{3}{4}$ At a Meeting of the Comm^{tee} for this Plantation

Present J PYNCHON — CAPT HOLYOKE
LT THO^{s} COOPER — GEOR. COLTON
BENJ^{a} COOLEY — ROWLAND THOMAS

For further Incouragement of Persons to Plant and Settle at this New Plantation: The Committee for these affairs having studied with Respect to the attendance unto the General Courts Grant, to make the terms as easy as may be to such as will carry on that Plantation: Do declare and order, That in the Grant of Lands there to any, they will henceforward act towards, & have Consideration of all Persons under a three fold standing, or capacity.

1st As Petitioners, and such as obtained the Grant of the Plantation of the General Court. 2^{d} As Men of Estates who may be able to lay out Considerable sums to advantage the Place. 3^{dly} As good Honest Planters, though of Meaner Estates, Who must do mostly their Own Labor, and according to each Capacity in which Men stand: the terms of their Grants shall a little Vary, so as may be easiest for the Grantees, and most advantageous to the speedy Planting, and Settling the Place which shall be, and are as followeth:

1st All the Petitioners to whom or at whose suit, the Honored General Court granted the Plantation, they shall have, enjoy, and hold their several Portions or Quantity of Land Granted them, or to be Granted them upon this Condition (viz). That they or any other good Honest Inhabitant by their means, and procurement, be Settled, Inhabiting, or Dwelling upon such their Lands there Granted them at or before the beginning of October 1675, & shall continue such Inhabitant there to dwell, and abide for at least Three years after that Time.

2^{dly} The 2^{d} Sort of Men are Men of Estates: able to carry on Building, Fencing and further Improvement of Land: and this sort of Men, such of them as the Comm^{tee} shall see meet to Grant Portions of Land to, shall enjoy, & hold their several Portions of Land, then Granted them on this Condition (Viz): that they Lay out their Estates thereon in Building, Fencing, and Improving as hereafter is mentioned: That is to say; that before the 1st day of October 1675 they have fenced in and brought to Improvement, either by mowing, or Plowing at least ten Acres of Land, and have also built a House thereon, of at least twenty Five foot in Length, and finished for Dwelling in, and have also settled thereupon some Good Honest Inhabitant, such as the Comm^{tee} shall declare their allowance of, and shall continue such Inhabitant there to Dwell, and Improve their Land for 3 or 4 years longer Unless they attend and perform this: Their Grants fall and become Void & Null; and all the Charges they have expended shall be lost and forfeited: and the Comm^{tee} may dispose of all as they see Cause to any other person; The Grants being made and accepted on these Terms.

3^{dly} The third sort of Men: namely: Men of less Estates, such of them as the Comm^{tee} shall make Grants of Lands to: They shall hold and enjoy their several Portions of Land Granted them upon Condition they be there Inhabiting, being fully settled there themselves in their own Persons, and with their Families, such as have Families: So as it

may be in the Judgment of the Comm^tee truly accounted the place of their residence, and settled aboad, by the 1st of October 1675, and do from that time continue there to Dwell, and Improve their said Land for 3 or 4 years longer, and it is agreed that for after Grants, the meaning is for Grants to be made after October 1675. All that have Grants shall Continue there to Dwell for seven years according to former Provision made thereabout.

SAW MILL GRANT.

Granted to Mr. Pynchon the Privilidge of Stony River, and the streams belonging to it for the advantage of building a Saw Mill * & Liberty to set it at any time where he shall Judge most meet and convenient for him, he being to have the whole use and privilidge of the streem or streems for that purpose, and for a Corn-Mill, if he shall set up one, & also the free use of what timber may be Needfull for Boards Plank, or the like which is growing on the Land, Intended for Lots, which he may fetch for that purchase out of such Land till Persons that take up their Lots come to make use of them: or that the Comm^tee see reason to Restrain his further taking Timber out of them for the Saw Mill: when yet notwithstanding any Timber he may freely take out the Commons for Boards or any such like uses, the use of Timber for sawing being allow^d to the Mill out of the Commons according to former Grant without any restraint Whatsoever.

PAYMENT FOR LANDS.

March 19th 167$\frac{4}{5}$ At a meeting of the Comm^tee

Present J PYNCHON	LT COOPER
BENJ^a COOLEY	CAPT HOLYOKE
GEORGE COLTON	ROWLAND THOMAS

It is ordered that that the purchase money† which Mr Pynchon laid out for this Plantation‡ several years since to the Indians "Pampunckshant" and "Ishnoasqu" Being about thirty Pounds then, and no way being found to Reimburse him, It is therefore upon his adventure of staying for the pay; till Men have Grants & so the pay for their shares Come in; Be stated at forty Pounds, & So Mr Pynchon is to take it of the severall Proprietors; at several times as they Come; and Run the hazard of getting it according as Inhabitants shall Come in, and so to be allowed Forty Pounds and in this sum he is to allow & pay for his own Grants, or Portions of Land as other men do, Except that alotment which he hath as a Petitioner—And for the proportioning of the Meet share for every man to allow toward this Purchase Money, & other charges for settling the Place: it is concluded and determined: that all Persons that have or shall have Grants of alotments there: shall pay & allow as followeth.

A 40 acre Alotment	0"	13"	4	
A 50 acre Alotment	0"	16"	8	
A 60 acre "	1"	0"	0	Which is after 4 Pence per Acre
A 80 acre "	1"	6"	8	

* The first saw mill was built near the mouth of Stony River, in 1673. The dam was built in 1672. See p. 21.

† See statement of this account from Major Pynchon's Account Book on pp. 20, 21.

‡ See Pynchon Deed, p. 51.

Every Proprietor being upon his Grant: is in three Months after to pay his share of this money, and it is to be endeavored, that every one pay at least 12d of it in money: That a little money may be on hand to pay what is, & must be laid out in money. All the aforesaid sums payable by every proprietor or Grantee; shall be paid in to Mr. Pynchon, at least the first payer shall pay it to him; & Mr Pynchon is to take Notice of all that he receives: and give an *Account of all; and when he hath received this £40. allowed him; and for what else he shall disburse or lay out for the Place: then the rest in his hands if any there be: is to go and be alowed Towards other Charges of the Plantation which Mr Pynchon is to pay if any overplus be in his hands. It being also agreed that all persons shall pay the afore appointed proportion if Mr Pynchon has his due, for the Publick benefit and advantage of that Plantation, as the Comm^{les} or Select-Men shall order: who are to look after, and Receive all that may remain, for the Town Use.

HIGHWAY TO FEATHER S^t.

Ordered! That a Highway† of 16 or 20 Rods wide be laid out in the most Convenient place about the midst of the Lots in High Street; to pass from High Street to the other Street Range of Lots in Fether Street.

Granted To Goodman Watson 50 acres
" " his Son John Watson 50 " all on the terms
" " John Millington 40 " formerly proposed
" " Stephen Taylor 60 "
" " John Taylor 50 "
" " Mr Pynchon in Feather st 80 acres, as a petitioner to the Gen^l Court for the place.
" " Nathan^l Cook 40 acres.

HIGHWAY TO SAWMILL.

A Highway‡ at the lower end of High St, and to the Saw Mill being to lye along by this Lot in the front, for a matter of 30 or 40 Rods from the front: and then to go a little aslant, or across this lot and the rest: southward as may be most convenient for a Road.

Dec 10th 1673. At a meeting of the Committee
Present J PYNCHON — CAPT HOLYOKE
LT COOPER — BENJ^A ASHLEY
ROWLAND THOMAS

Granted to Timothy Hale a 60 Acre Allotment, to front upon High Street, and Run back Eastward Twelve score Rods in Length, as the rest of those Lots do, This Lot to Ly next to John Millington's on the North side of his: betwixt Millington and George Jeffery, and it is determined that if it be Convenient for the Road unto the Saw Mill to go across part of this Lot: that then to slant it toward the Rear: it then shall & must so do. This Highway to the Mill being to go aslant all the Lots, from Nathan^l Cooks upper side, to the lower side of this Lot, according as is Most Convenient for the Way.

*See p. 20. † See p. 71. ‡ See p. 71.

*Granted to Mr Pynchon who hath with great charges Carried on the building of a *saw Mill* at Stony Brook, to Incorrige Men there to Settle; and hath now effected the same: That his Lot neare by the Saw Mill, which according to the first Grant was a 60 Acre Alotment: shall lye on both Sides of Stony-Brook; and along by the Great River; & that there shall be some additions to it, Namely: About 20 or 30 acres, so much at least to ly on the South Side of Stony Brook, and having this addition he is to take the Land altogether where he hath built the Saw Mill, adjoining to it, and is to take up with this Land so as to Release, and not Challenge any Share in the present Meadow to be laid out. & So this to be accounted for the Sixty Acres first granted; and Mr. Pynchon accepts it accordingly, without any portion in Meadow at present; but not releasing his share, and right in after Divisions which by former Grant is to take place; according to a sixty acre alotment. This Alotment is to run from the Saw Mill Dam Southward, till it come over the Brook, Gutter, or Swamp, and then to run strait up the Hill upon the High-land until it come against the point, or Great Rock in the Brook, by the Great River Side. It being to turn off Eastward to the Great River at those Rocks in the Bank, and lower end of the low land at the point by the Great River, and so to take in all the low land by the Great River. A convenient and meet passage is to be allowed thro this Land hereby Granted, for Carts to go into the Commons; and for passage to Windsor. The rest of his Land for his Alotment lys on the North side of Stony Brook, and goes up Stony Brook also, from the Great River a pretty way above, where the Saw Mill and House stands, to a Black Oak Marked J. P. where it turns off from Stony Brook Northward from the outside, and west side of the Swamp by marked trees in the Range; till it come to the south side of Feather Street Lots, and so turns Eastward, and goes down to the Great River, by, and adjoining to the Lot, now Timothy Palmer's Lot.

December 24th 1673. At a meeting of the Comm^tee for StonyBrook Plantation—Present

J PYNCHON L^r THO^s COOPER CAPT HOLYOKE
GEO COLTON ENS^n BENJ^n COOLEY

Granted: To the Lots in Feather St, as an addition to those Lots' (they being inferior to some others,) that men's Lots there, Especially toward the lower end of the Street, and so upwards as far as to the Highway that goes into High Street, may & shall come some Rods further out Eastward, to the Higher Land where it is most convenient for the street or highway to go.

Whereas! Such Inhabitants as shall have Lots and live in Feather Street; have not the like passage into the woods as others, & are like to be straitened for Commonage, & turning out of Cattle; it is therefore agreed, and determined, & ordered, that all the Land before Feather Street on the East of it to the Great River; Shall forever lye Common† for the benefit of the Inhabitants there; and that no Lots or Land on the East side of Feather Street, shall at any time

* See Sec. 16, pp. 58, 60 62.
† In the later Records this is called the Little Common.

hereafter be given out, or Granted to any person, Whatsoever, Except at the very lower end two or three Lots be allowed to go to the Great River, otherwise all the land shall be left common, and be for the free feed of Cattle, belonging to those Inhabitants, or Proprietors, & is hereby Granted in common to such persons as are, or shall be the owners or rightful possessors of the alot^{mts} in Feather Street, and to no other. Nor shall it be granted out in several Proprieties, to them but it shall forever lye Common as afores^{d} for all their benefit, & Commodity, and Pasturage, and Free feed for their Cattle; and especially Sheep, from Time to Time forever.*

April 20th 1674 At a meeting of the Comm^{tee} Present

J PYNCHON — CAPT ELIZUR HOLYOKE
L^{T} THO^{S} COOPER — EN^{S} COOLEY
ROWLAND THOMAS

Granted Joshua Wells, 50 acres. John Filly, 40 Acres.

Agreed to propound it to the General Court for settling the Bounds of this plantation, according to the †Return of the Persons who made an Essay in Mar. 1671 what is entered three leaves back so far as was there done; that it may be confirmed as the south bound, and that the North Bounds be up to Springfield Bound: Viz: at the Gutter, which is about half a mile or Three Quarters of a Mile South of the Three Mile Brook: from Lt Cooper's‡ House. The North Bounds of this New Plantation to go to that Gutter or Slow, Where, by the Great River Side on the North Side of the Gutter on the Brook, or rising within 2 or 3 Rod. Where the Gutter emptieth itself into the Great River, are two tall middling Trees marked Springfield: as their Bounds, one a Walnut, and the other a Red oak, which stand within 2 or 3 feet of one another, and from thence to run directly West along by, and adjoining to Springfield line, till it come to Westfield Bounds; which is about four miles and three Quarters, and then to turn Southward, and follow Westfield bounds or line, as far as they go south; and at the South Side of Westfield Bounds, to go out again further West; so as to make seven and a half miles from the Great River. From this North line of this new Plantation, & their utmost south line which is about half a mile from the foot of the Island in the Falls: This plantation's tract of Land to be full seven miles and a half from the Great River. This was accordingly confirmed by the Honored General Court, in May 1674, to be the bounds of this Plantation, and the Plantation Called and named ——

June 24th 1674. at a meeting of the Comm^{tee} for ordering the affairs of this New Plantation *now called Suffield.*,§

Present: JOHN PYNCHON — CAP^{T} ELIZUR HOLYOKE
L^{T} COOPER — ROWLAND THOMAS.

Granted to Hugh Roe, 60 acres. Thom^{s} Spencer, 60 acres. Judah Trumbull, 50 A. Joseph Trumbull, 50 A. Edw^{d} Smith, 50 a.

* In 1732 this common was divided among the Proprietors of the Feather Street Lots.
† See pp. 49, 59. ‡ One of the Committee.
§ The name confirmed and established June, 3d, 1674. See p. 50.

July 17th 1674. The Comm^tee for Suffield Plantation met.

Present J PYNCHON, L^r COOPER, CAP^T HOLYOKE, ENS^N B. COOLEY

Granted to	acres		acres
Anthony Austin	50	Timothy Palmer	50
Walter Holliday	50	Sam^l Roe	50
Abr^m Dibble	50	John Burbank	50

Anthony Austin's, Timothy Palmer's, and John Burbank's Grants above, were in Feather Street.

Sept 14th 1674.

Granted to	acres		acres
John Barber Jr	50	George Norton	60
Thomas Barber	50	Launcelot Granger	60
Thomas Remington Jr in feather Street.	50	John Hodge in High st.	60

		acres
To Goodman Granger^s, Viz: two Sons 40 acres, apiece,	Tho^s Granger	40
	Geo Granger	40

Jan^y 28th 167⅔ The Comm^tee for Suffield met.*

Present J PYNCHON, L^r COOPER, ENSIGN COOLEY, CAPT HOLYOKE, QUARTER MASTER COLTON, ROWLAND THOMAS.

Agreed and determined, to fill up the place to 100† Families, as speedily as may be, and that the Meadow be accordingly Proportioned. There being 500 acres of Meadow in the Place according to the Return made, by them appointed to Run it over. It will probably hold to every one their proportion, and it is agreed that those in Feather Street being remotest from the Meadow, should be first suited with their Proportion. ‡Mr Pynchon being willing to build a Corn Mill for Incouragment of People to Settle in this Plantation; there is therefore now Granted to Mr Pynchon the free and full use, and liberty of the Stream, or Streams of Stony-Brook, & Muddy Brook at Suffield; without Molestation or Disquiet, He building and setting up a Mill for Grinding of Corn there. No others are to have the use, or Liberty of the Streams for that purpose, And he hath liberty to take up his sixty acre alotment for the s^d mill where he sees meet; which he takes up accordingly; by Thomas Spencer in High Street. Agreed to run the line for the bounds between Springfield, and Suffield tomorrow: Now the season is so good, by the hard snow for bearing, that it may be run all the way between Springfield, and Suffield, from the Great River Quite to Westfield Bounds, and measured how far it

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* This was the last meeting of the Committee before King Philip's War, and the last at which they were ever all assembled.

Lieut. Cooper was killed by the Indians in the attack on Springfield, Oct. 5, 1675.

Capt. Holyoke died Feb 6, 1676. His son Samuel was afterwards appointed Captain, and was a distinguished Indian fighter.—*Hubbard's Indian Wars.*

†See Sec. 1. p. 53.

‡See Sec. 16, p. 57.

is; and that Sam[l] Marshfield be desired for Springfield, to go along with the Comm[tee] for Suffield.

"This line was run accordingly on the 29th day of Jan[y] 1674. by Samuel Marshfield. John Pynchon. Lt Cooper. George Colton. Benj[a] Cooley & Rowland Thomas; and many trees were marked in the line with S. P. for Springfield on the North Side of the tree, and "S" for Suffield on the South Side of the tree; and it being measured; it was found to be *four miles and three Quarters, directly West from the Great River to Westfield line, or East bounds at the Mountains.†

December 20th 1676.

Present JOHN PYNCHON — BENJ[a] COOLEY
GEORGE COLTON — ROWLAND THOMAS

The Settling of Suffield having been some Time obstructed by the War with the Indians;‡ which necessitated such as were there to remove the last year, and put a stop to many others that were coming to that Place, And Whereas, Thro the favor of God in scattering the Heathen, and giving us some Quiet, there is hope of resettling there. The Comm[tee] have therefore thought meet to declare that altho, there be a forfeiture of Some Men's Lands; yet they will take no advantage therefrom against any person, that doth intend to go on; and will manifest it by coming to settle there in 18 months—Provided, such persons as are not actually upon going thither, do declare to some of the Comm[tee] within 40 days their Intendments, and full Resolutions to Settle there, and carry on by that Time (viz) in 18 months, which will expire 20th of June 1678, and whosoever shall not go on or engage to the Comm[tee] as afores[d] that they will accordingly go on; The Comm[tee] may at pleasure dispose of their Alotments, forfeited to such as will settle there.

Hereupon Diverse persons willingly and readily, were upon motion, in order to their return to the Place, & Several more all gave in their names that they intended it, and would attend to the above proposal. So the place began a resettling, many having Confirmations of their Grants, which would otherwise have been doubtful to them.

Feby 21st 167§ The Comm[tee] for Suffield met.

Present JOHN PYNCHON — BENJ[a] COOLEY
GEORGE COLTON — ROWLAND THOMAS.

Granted to Samuel Kent 60 acres. Tho[s] Parsons 50 acres. These 2 Lots; as also Tim[o] Palmer formerly; their alotments *are allowed* to go down to the Great River.

Granted to James Barker 50 acres.

" to James Rising the §Lot at the lower end of High Street below John Millington, next to Stony River; & it be made up 50 acres. Granted! Benj[a] Dibble 40 acres; Tho[s] Remington Jr 50 acres.

* The survey of 1803 says 5¼ miles and sixteen links. See p. 49.
† Now Rising's Notch.
‡ This is the first allusion to King Philip's War in Suffield Records.
§ Now owned by Byron Loomis.

April 4, 1677. *

Present JOHN PYNCHON
BENJ. COOLEY
GEO. COLTON
ROW^LD THOMAS
} The Committee for Suffeild Mett.

Granted to—
Isack Cakebread 50 acres.
Timothy Eastman 50
Joseph Eastman 50—

& liberty to Peele Barke on y^e commons, for his Trade of Tanning.

Granted to John Lawton 60^acrs the lot w^ch was intended for Edward Chapman.

It is agreed & concluded, That as a meete compensation for ye g^rt charges y^e Committee have bene at in manageing the affaires of Suffeild; to p^rvent any charge to y^e People thereby, That there shall be foure hundred acres of land, laid out for y^e s^d Committee, to be devided among them as they be a Committee, equally, But as some of them have spent more time than others, & beene at more expence, so, they are to have a little larger quantity of y^e land, w^ch yet is not to exceed 400 acres in y^e whole, & such of y^e Committee as are deceased, for y^e tyme they spent; are to be considered for some share to theirs, for y^e tyme past, but this Grant of 400 acr^s hath reference also for y^e tyme to come, being y^e allowance for so long as y^e Comittee shall continue to Manage y^e affaires of this Plantation, without any further allowance to be made to y^m, only That this land shall not be lyable to pay anything toward y^e Purchase Money, & it shall belong, and is Granted to y^e Committee, free without being engaged to Build on it; or upon any forfeiture w^ch other lands are lyable too, neither shall the Committee be Rated for it, at least not for a long tyme, this land being allowed y^m as a Recompence for their service, now 7 years Past, besides for all y^t is to come. This also being consented to, by y^e Inhabitants, & such as have had Grants, to whom it hath bene p^rpounded, & to know whether they would not rather allow y^e Committee some smale sum for their charges, & expences, & they would release this land: 18 Months being allowed y^e Inhabitants for y^e same who declining it. This Tract of land for y^e Committee is stated to ly next y^e gr^t River,† above feather street betwixt y^e 2 brooks,‡ toward Springfield, & this land allowed y^e Committee, was formerly agreed on for this Purpose, & set aside, being Run over by the line, for this end, & laid to be here, as judging it least p^rjudice to y^e place to state it here, out of all divisions or quarters now intended for settling Inhabitants on. Granted! To Thomas Coply, who formerly had a Grant, and it is now confirmed to him to be 60 acres.

Granted Thom: Taylor 50 "

Sept 25th 1677. The Committee for Suffeild Mett:

Present JOHN PYNCHON . BENJ COOLEY
GEO: COLTON ROW^LD THOMAS.

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* The copy from the original record begins here. See Preface.

†Opposite Thompsonville. See p. 78.

‡ "Rawlings Brook" at the Douglas Fish place; and Deep Brook at the Gregory Fish place. See p. 78.

Agreed, & concluded to o^{r} utmost to Indeavor, the settling of Persons in as compact a way as may be, as well for y^{e} comelyness of the Towne, as for y^{e} security, & safety of People, by dwelling pretty neere together; & therefore doe intend to settle p^{r}sons in y^{e} Doble street in High street: neerer then formerly, at least for all henceforward, none to have above 12 Rod in breadth, & o^{r} desire is that all Persons that had former Grants; now in their new setling would come neerer together, and leave those out Places they were building on before y^{e} war;* especially that westward toward Northampton Road. And to Incourage some y^{t} have manifested their readyness, & desire, so to doe; we doe Grant to y^{m} that Tract of land on y^{e} west side of High streete, w^{ch} is a little above George Nortons, that they shall have 6 or 7 acres apeice: (viz) John Taylor: Thos Taylor: John Lawton: Joseph Harmon†: Nath' Harmon†: John Filley†: Jonath' Winchell†: These Persons to have here 12 rod in breadth apeice, & to run y^{t} breadth from High Street, back in length to Muddy Brook: This is for y^{m} to Build here, & settle together, & is to be accounted as p^{rt} of their Alotment. Further we doe agree that above these, on this west side of High streete; we will settle mens lots at 12 rod broad, to p^{r}vent living at a distance by Granting greater breadth to any. Also on the east side of y^{e} streete, from Goodman Roes‡ upward we will settle men but 12 rod in breadth ag't y^{e} Streete.

It is ordered also: That in ffeather streete where they are settled at too large a distance, we will yet Indeavor to settle some together for better defence, & Therefore About Good^{m}: Remingtons, there being land at liberty, w^{ch} may serve for this end, & so southward to, & ag^{t} y^{e} Highway that leads into High Streete, §There shall be 8 or 10 smale lots, about an acre & quarter a Peice, for such as will come, & settle there neere together, about 4 of y^{m} to be taken out of y^{e} Highway w^{ch} leads to y^{e} other streete, & so leave y^{e} Highway but about 4 rod broad on y^{e} firme land, & y^{e} rest of these lots to ly a *little neerer* toward ‖Good^{m} Remington's.

October 30th 1677. JOHN PYNCHON. GEO COLTON
Present at this Meeting B COOLEY & ROWLD THOMAS

Granted to Zerubbabel Fyler for a house lot¶ to dwell neere y^{e} Neighbors there, 12 rod broad, next to George Norton** on y^{e} North side of him, to run y^{t} breadth back from High Streete in y^{e} Front, downe to Muddy brooke, west, this being allowed, as p^{t} of His Alotm^{t}, & he Building on it:—Granted to Tho: Copley ††a lot next to Geo: Norton on y^{e} south side of him, of about 15 or 16 rod broad at y^{e} front next High Streete, & so to run back to y^{e} River, that is to say, Muddy & Stony Brooke: he building & Settling on it; this be-

*The last allusion to King Philip's war.
†These 4 lots are now Miss L. E. Hatheways'.
‡Hugh Roe.
§These Lots were not built upon.
‖Goodm: an abbreviation of Goodman. This title was given to elderly men of good repute. The wife of such man was called "Goodwife or Goody."
¶Now Calvin C. Spencer.
**Now I. L. Spencer and C. C. Spencer.
††This Lot is now owned and occupied by Martin J. Sheldon.

ing p^{t} of his Alotm^{t}, & y^{e} rest of his land to be made up in some other place.

Granted: That Sam^{ll} Roe, his lot of 40 acres shall ly next his father Hugh Roe, on y^{e} North side of him, upon condition that he y^{e} s^{d} Sam^{l} Roe take, in & accomadate Steven Taylor, on y^{e} North side of him wth land for convenient dwelling, by way of exchange of land wth him. And for y^{e} accomadating of Steven Taylor out of Saml Roes lott above s^{d}, He hath agreed before y^{e} Committee, That Steven Taylor shall have *13 rod & quarter broad on y^{e} North side of this the s^{d} Sam^{l} Roe's lot, for Sixe score Rod long back from the front, for w^{ch} Sam^{l} Roe is to have Ten acres out of Steven Taylors Alotment, Indifferently & equally laid out, And Steven Taylor is to make & maintaine halfe y^{e} fence between them & Sam^{l} Roe y^{e} other halfe, And Steven Taylor is to Build & settle hereon.—

ffor y^{e} settling of Robert Old,† That he may come in among y^{e} Neighbors in High Streete, There is Granted to him on y^{e} west side of High Streete, Northward of Jonath: Winchell 12 rod in breadth, To ly next to y^{e} Highway on y^{e} North side of y^{e} Highway, that goes over Muddy Brooke to several mens land, & so to y^{e} common; here Robt Old is to have 12 rod broad fro^{m} High Streete & to Run back to Muddy Brooke, this being p^{t} of his Alotm^{t}. Next to this lot of Robert Old, wee doe reserve, & set apart Three lots on this west side of High Streete for hereafter, to be Granted to some useful persons.— Granted Timothy Eastman (who hath not yet fully pitched his lot) That he shall have that lot in *ffether Streete*, a little off fro' Goodm: Remington^{s}, w^{ch} lyes south fro' Remingtons, by y^{e} Highway that goes fro' feather Streete to High Streete.

June y^{e} 12th 1678. The Committee for Suffeild Mett at Suffeild.

Present JOHN PYNCHON
BENJ COOLEY GEO: COLTON

Having Consideration of y^{e} most convenient setling of Highways, wee upon view of y^{e} Places, Doe determine as followeth 1st. That y^{e} Highway Downeward toward Windsor, is best to goe over Stony brooke a litle below Tho Copleys,‡ to turne out of High Streete, where we have Pitch y^{e} stake in y^{e} front, for y^{e} lower or south side of Tho Copleys lot, there the way to turne to y^{e} sow west (though Posibly a smale lot or Two, may hereafter be allowed to be there) & so goe a litle slanting fro' his lot downe by y^{e} River a litle way & §then Passt over Stony River just below Tho Copleys land w^{ch} is on y^{e} sow west side of y^{e} River And thence this way as it will be y^{e} Road to windsor; so also it serves to goo to y^{e} stone pit‖ & into y^{e} woods.

*This Front is now occupied by the Bank, Thomas Archer, & D. Hale Lots.

†This Lot was on the North corner of the Highway to West Suffeild. The old cemetery containing 1½ acres adjoinedits North East corner. The Congregational Parsonage, an addition to the cemetery, and several dwellings are now upon it.

‡Now M. J. Sheldon's.

§This ford was about 4 Rods below the present bridge.

‖The "Pit" seems to have been free to all from which to quarry stone for building purposes. It was near "Luce's Gristmill."

Also we Determine That y^e^ Highway,* out of High Streete to the Mill, ly betweene Nathanel Cookes lot & Major Pynchons Corne Mill lot,† w^ch^ he takes up in High Streete. This way to be taken out of these 2 lots & "to about 3 rod broad, & for 30 or 40 rod fro' y^e^ front of them, to run straite in y^e^ line betweene them, & then turne southward aslant Nathanel Cookes‡ lot, & all y^e^ lots downwards as will be most convenient for y^e^ Highway, & Passing to y^e^ Mill. The Highway into ffeather Streete, upon view of all places, & considerations of suting y^e^ Inhabitants, wee judge it best where it is laid, & doe there state it to ly 12 Rod broad, betweene Steven Taylor's lot w^ch^ was allowed out of Saml Roes lot, & Abraham Dibbles lot. Abrah Dibbles§ lot lying on y^e^ North side of this High-way, 12 rod in breadth, This Highway to, and from ffeather Streete, as it comes into High Streete, it is to turne a litle off at the Norwest corner, Taking off some few rods of y^e^ corner of Abrah Dibbles lot, & so rounding of it to sute w^th^ y^e^ Highway w^ch^ is to goe by Jonath Winchell westward.‖ Abrah Dibble being to have allowance in y^e^ bredth; for what this way takes from him.

Also a Highway¶ we determine, to be laid fro' High Street Westward to goe over Muddy Brooke. This way to turne out neere about y^e^ Meeting house Hill, & to ly along by Jonath Winchells lot** on y^e^ North side of it, w^ch^ Highway is to be 10 or 11 Rod in bredth, & to Run y^t^ bredth tillit come to y^e^ ††New Bridge w^ch^ is made over Muddy Brooke, & there to goe over y^t^ Bridge; & whereas some p^rt^ of that Bridge & y^e^ going on to it, is s^d^ to be in Jonath Winchell lot, & so a litle corner of his land must be made use of for y^e^ way. We doe order: That therefore so much of his land as is needful, shall be taken off to accomadate y^e^ way sufficient w^t^hout p^r^judice to it, for w^ch^ he shall have allowance out of y^e^ Highway, & y^t^ by way of addition to y^e^ bredth of his lot: This Highway when over Muddy Brooke is to be 8 rod broad, & run y^t^ bredth still westward along by Nathanel Harmons†† land, on y^e^ north side of it, till it come to a Devission of land there, formerly alloted to several p^r^sons, & falling into a ‡‡Highway there out of w^ch^ it presently turns Westward into y^e^ commons.§§

Benja Dibble (his Alotm't being formerly Granted) having noe place assigned for his Building lot, is now allowed, 12 rod in breadth,‖‖ on the North next to his father Abrah Dibble, w^ch^ 12 rod broad running fro' High Streete, back eastward twelve score rod long as his fathers doth, & makes eighteene acres; so that to make up his Alotm^t^, he is to have 22 acres some other where. Granted to Tho Hucksley an

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*Mill Lane.
†The Horace King Property.
‡Now owned and occupied by Henry P. Kent, Esq.
§Now owned and occupied by Wm. L. Loomis, Esq.
‖This Lot was on the South corner of High street and West Suffeild road, and contained 6 acres more or less. It is now chiefly owned by Miss Louise E. Hatheway. The Railroad Depot is upon it.
¶West Suffeild Road.
**The first bridge built in Suffeild.
††Now owned by Miss Louise E. Hatheway
‡‡Northampton Road.
§§Now West Suffeild.
‖‖The Town House is on this lot.

Alotm^{t} of 60 acres, whereoff he is to have in High Streete* on y^{e} North side of Benja Dibble in bredth 13 rod & halfe w^{ch} being 12 score rod long, make 20 acres compleate. And his other 40 acres is to be taken up other where. It is ordered: That next to this lot of Tho Hucksley shall be a lot for y^{e} ppriety of y^{e} first Minister,† & then next to y^{e} minister lot, on this east side of High Streete, There shall be Three lots of 12 or 13 rod broad reserved for some usefull p^{r}sons (as there is reserved also on y^{e} west side of this streete) one of w^{ch} lots wth addition to it, shall be for y^{e} use of y^{e} ministry forever.—Next above these lots Northward, Granted: to W^{m} Horsford‡ 12 rod in bredth, & as much in some other place, as to make him up a forty acre Alotm^{t}. This p^{r}vided he come & settle thereon by Michalstide next, else it to be void. (He fell off presently.) Granted to Edward Burles or Burlison an Alotm^{t} of 40 acres whereoff, for his Hom lot he is to have 10 rod in breadth on y^{e} east side of High Streete: He was at last allowed y^{e} §lot Northward, next to W^{m} Horsford aforementioned; not to exceed 12 rod in bredth, w^{ch} makes 18 acres here, & y^{e} rest of his lot, he is to have more remote. For y^{e} settling of Goodm: Grangers Alotm^{ts} formerly Granted: It is agreed that he shall ly on y^{e} west side of High Streete, over ag't Edw^{d} Burles or thereabouts: There Goodm: Grangers hom lots to take place for himself & his 2 sons Thomas, & Geo: Granger, 12 rod broad each of them, w^{ch} is in y^{e} whole 36 rod in breadth, & to run in length fro' High Streete back to Muddy brooke; p'vided his sons settle, & Build on their lots in some short tyme—The rest of their land to ly more remote.

Granted to Peter Roe, an Alotmt of 40 acres. John Hodge is allowed for a lot to build on to ly next to Zerubbabell ffyler, on y^{e} west side of High Streete, there to have about 12 rod in bredth on y^{e} North side of Zerub ffyler & to run back to Muddy Brooke, & this land to be acco'ted as p^{rt} of his Alotmt of 60 acres. Granted to M^{r} Pynchon 12 rod in bredth northerly of John Hodge aforementioned, & southerly of John Taylors lot, & so to run from High Street back westward to Muddy Brooke—This is to compleate his corn mill lot (w^{ch} was Granted & laid out to him on y^{e} east side of High Streete, almost right ag't this, or a litle more southward) to be full 60 acres according to Grant. Also Granted him y^{e} foure acres of meadow on Muddy Brooke, (w^{ch} was intended for Saml Taylor) lying next to & downe streame from Mr Pynchons former Meddow there, this being p^{rt} of his Meddow for his Corne Mill lot, The other 2 or Three acres yet wanting to his Corne Mil lot, he is to take up where he can find it, as being yet belonging to it.—Granted to John Severans: An Alotmt of 50 acres, & to have p't of it for a ‖House lot in high streete, a litle below Tho Copleys:

Cctob^{r} 30th 1678. The Committee for Suffeild Mett.

Present John Pynchon — Benja Cooley
Geo: Colton — Rowland Thomas

*Now Thaddeus H. Spencer's place. See p. 84.
†John Younglove, now owned by the 2d Baptist Society and Arthur G. Pomeroy. See p. 74.
‡This was for many years Warner's Hotel property, now Day avenue.
§Now Wm. Gay's Heirs.
‖This Lot is part of the Homestead of Henry Endress.

Granted to John Pengilly		60 acres.
To Edward Allyn Sen^{r}		60 "
To his 3 sons	John Allyn*	40 "
	Edw Allyn Junr	40 "
	W^{m} Allyn	40 "

They desiring their Alotm^{ts} at the upper end of feather streete, betweene y^{e} 2 brooks† toward Springfeild. in that Tract of land formerly laid out for y^{e} Committee by y^{e} greate River side.‡ The Comitee being willing to p^{r}*mote* the setling of Inhabitants, Doe for y^{e} accomadation of Present Setlers on y^{e} land, & to incourage y^{e} Plantation, agree to take their 400. acres of land in some other Place, Either about Pipe stave Swamp; or where else they may se meete to take it, & so Relinquish y^{e} Place aforementioned, that y^{e} Allyns & other Inhabitants may settle thereon. Upon John Scots motion, who formerly had an Alotment though not fully setled, wee doe now Grant him where abouts he formerly was taking up a lot, up above High Streete, about a mile Norward of y^{e} Meeting house hill, where he shall ly, or have his whole Alotm^{t} together, to Run in length fro y^{e} Highway on y^{e} west, about eight score Rod eastward, or more, thorow y^{e} swamp or lowland up to y^{e} hill or highland, where y^{e} Road‖ now leads to Springfield; here he is also to have his Meddowe in this Peice of land, his Grant being besides y^{e} Meddow 60 acres. Granted to James King 60 acres. To Sam^{l} Bush 50 acres.

May. 19. 1679. At a meeting of the Comittee for Suffeild. *Present:* J. Pynchon. Ben: Cooley. Geo: Colton. Rowl'd Thomas.

Granted to Joseph Segur y^{e} lot intended for W^{m} Horsford, southward of Edw: Burles; 12 Rod in breadth ag^{t} High Streete, & 12 score rod in length back eastward: Edw: Burles lying on y^{e} North of him, & the reserved lots on y^{e} South: This being 18 acres, he y^{e} s^{d} Joseph Segur is to have 22 acres more, in some other Place, to make up his Alotm^{t}—40 acres. Granted Goodm Remington's 2 Sons. 40. acres apeice, viz.: John Remington, 40 acres—& Jonathan Remington, 40 acres.

Granted to Leiut Anthony Austin for his 2 sons. 40 acres apiece. Viz: To Richard Austin 40 acres. To Anthony Austin Jun 40. acres. to ly on y^{e} South Side of Stony Brooke, neere y^{e} gr't River, toward Windsor.

Granted Goodm: Kent, for his son Sam^{ll} Kent Jun, an Alotm^{t} of } 40 acres.

Granted: David Winchell, toward making up of his Alotment 60. acres; That he shall have 12 rod in bredth, on y^{e} west side of High Streete, to Build on, next to Good^{m} Granger, on y^{e} south side of him,

* "1691: Upon some motion that there may be a ffery stated over ye Great River at the House of John Allyn of Suffield: This Courte doth approve & appointe Jno Allin of Suffield for ye affaire & he to require & be contente with 4d ye horse & 2d ye man."—Hampshire Court Record, Vol. A.

This was the first ferry at Suffield, and was some distance north from the present (Lovejoy's Ferry). It was afterwards "Trumble's," then "Gillies," and later "Trumble's Ferry" from "Jolfn Pengilly" and "Joseph Trumble," who were the owners many years before and after 1749.

† Rawlins Brook and Deep Brook.

‡ Opposite Thompsonville.

‖ Springfield Road now called "Crooked Lane."

& so to run back to Muddy brooke, & there also to have a little Peice of land, on y^e^ west side of y^e^ Brooke, about one acre, If it be free, for conveniency, & Passing to his other lands. Granted: Sam^ll^ Kent, as p't of his Alotm^t^, to have 12 rod in bredth on y^e^ west side of High streete,* Next to David Winchell, on y^e^ southerly side of him, & so ly next to y^e^ Reserved lots; w^ch^ adjoyne to this lot, & are southerly of it, & to run back west to Muddy Brooke, as y^e^ other lots there doe. Granted: to Deacon Thomas Hanchet, an Alotm^t^ of 60. acres† on the east side on High Streete. 40. acres to Tho Hanchet Jun. 40 acres to John Hanchet. Granted: David ffro: 40. acres, & to ly on y^e^ North side of John Scotts: That is to say 12 rod in bredth there & to run in length fro y^e^ front or Highway on y^e^ west, back eastward to y^e^ Hill or highland where y^e^ Road‡ now goes. The rest of his land to make it up 40 acres to be laid other where. Granted: to Obadiah Miller an Alot*mt* of 50. acres, & that he have 30. acres of it on y^e^ South of John Scot, That is to say, the bredth to be twenty Rods fro John Scot Southward, & y^e^ length of it to be from y^e^ Highway or streete on y^e^ west, back eastward 12. score rods towards ffeather Streete; y^e^ rest of his land to be laid out other where. Granted: Daniel Canida toward y^e^ gr't River above feather streete, (North of John Pengilley.) 50. acres. Granted: Symon Gowin (above Canida,) & next y^e^ Brooke w^ch^ lyes on y^e^ North side. 60. acres, his bredth to be, 40. rod, & his Meddowe to be in this lot.

November 17.^th^ 1679. At a meeting of the Committee: *Present,* John. Pynchon. Geo: Colton: Rowland Thomas. ffor Incouragement of § Mr. John Younglove to come to Suffeild, who hath beene sought to wt^h^ respect to being their Minister, & to Preach y^e^ word of God to y^e^ People there: There is Granted to him y^e^ s^d^ M^r^ Younglove an Alotm^t^ of foure score (80) acres, whereoff 30. acres of it to be on y^e^ east side of the way in High Streete,‖ To ly on y^e^ North side of Tho: Hucksley; 20 rod in bredth. & adjoyne to y^e^ reserved lots, & 12 score Rod in length back eastward toward ffeather streete. (This being. 30. acres of it,) the other fifty acres is to ly & be measured out over Muddy Brooke, on y^e^ west side above y^e^ Bridge, & so to Run upward, he is have his Portion of Meddow there, If it be there, else to be made up other where. Agreed & ordered: That about thirty acres of meddow or more, neere Stony brooke & sow west from Good^m^ Roes be set apart & reserved to acomadate y^e^ lot for the Ministry, & y^e^ reserved lots; & also what meddow is yet remaining on Muddy Brooke above y^t^ w^ch^ Mr Younglove is to have, to be likewise kept for y^e^ same Purpose.

Jan. ye. 20^th^. 1679. The Comittee for Suffeild Mett. *Present:* Jo: Pynchon. Ens: Ben. Cooley. George Colton. Granted: to William

*The House Lots of Samuel Kent & Sam^l^ Kent Jun^r^, later the Homestead of Hon. Gideon Granger, are now occupied by the Conn. Lit: Institution.

†A portion of this land has remained in the family by direct descent.

‡Then called "Springfield Road," now "Crooked Lane."

§The first minister.

‖The parsonage of the 2d Baptist Society is on this lot.

Pritchard, a lot in ffeather streete lying betweene John Burbank & John Barber, & that it shall be made up an Alotment of. 50. acres.

Granted: To Michaell Towsley .40 acres
To John Rising .40 "

August y^e^ 10^th^. 1680. Granted: some Alotments to ly on y^e^ South side of Stony Brooke, neere y^e^ greate River, about a quarter of a mile of fro Mr Pynchon's Saw mill lot as followeth. To Mr. Edmund Marshall. 80. acres To Rich^d^ Wooleworth. .60 acres
To John Huggin 50 "

Granted: James Barlow, (in high Streete p't of it,) 50 acres. Granted: several Alotm^ts^ to y^e^ p'sons next mentioned, who are for their Hom lots to ly beyond, or at y^e^ upper end of High streete, on y^e^ North side of David ffro, & so goeing Northward they are to have there 12 rod in breadth a Peice, a Highway* of 10. or 12. rod broad to run fro y^e^ front of these lots back eastward to y^e^ Road, & this Highway to ly next to David ffroo, & then these lots begin here where they have about eight or Ten acres apiece, & y^e^ rest must be laid out in some other place. So that their whole Grants are (viz) James Taylor. 50. acres Luke Hitchcock. 50.acres John Barber. 60.acres Sam^l^ Taylor. 50.acres Jonath Taylor. 50. acres Tho: Cooper. 50.acres Victory Sikes. 50acres W^m^. Brooke. 50.acres Ebenezer Brooke. 40.acres

Decemb^r^ 1^st^. 1680. The Committee for Suffeild Met. *Present*: John Pynchon. Benj Cooley Geo: Colton. *Rowl'd Thomas.* Granted: to Nathanel Cheny. 60. acres To Grigory Gibbs. 40. acres p't of it. (viz) 12 rod in bredth on y^e^ west side of High streete. Granted Steven Taylor 3 rod in bredth at y^e^ front of his lot in high streete & so to run back slanting off to nothing in y^e^ Reere. & this is p'vided it doe apeare that there is so much there on y^e^ North Side of his lot besides y^e^ Highway. Granted to Sam^ll^ Lane 40acres his Hom lot to be on y^e^ west side of the Streete, in High Streete North of Grigory Gibbs, there to have .12. rod in breadth & to run back to Muddy Brooke.

At a meeting of y^e^ Comittee for Suffeild June. 27^th^. 1681. *Present* J. Pynchon. Ben' Cooley Geo: Colton. Granted: some Alotm^ts^ beyond y^e^ saw mill, & on the Southward side of Stony Brooke where Mr Marshall, Wooleworth, &c, have their Alotm^ts^.—Granted there——

To John Mighill Sen .60.acres To John Mighill Jun. 40.acres

To Tho: Mighill .40.acres To Tho: Steevens 50acres. Granted to John Ingersoll.† 50.acres Also to his son ——— Ingersoll 40acres Provided: Goodm: Ingersoll settles there next Summer, & that y^e^ father carry on for his son, & discharge all Rates &c. These for their dwelling lots are to have 12 rod broad apiece on y^e^ east side of High Streete Norward of Goodm Towsleys lot: Then next above Goodm Ingersolls lot on y^e^ North side of him: It is agreed & ordered That there shall be forty Rod in breadth laid out for y^e^ Ministry for ever. Here on y^e^ east side of High Streete is stated y^e^ land for y^e^ Ministry forty Rod broad & twelve score Rod in length back eastward fro y^e^ street, w^ch^ w^th^ y^e^ Home

*This Highway or "lane" as it was called, is now the road from H. Halliday's to Henry Fuller's, and was called "Crooked Lane" for many years. Now the "Springfield Road" is called "Crooked Lane," and the old "lane" which gave the cognomen is without a name.

†Did not settle. J. Pynchon 2d had his lot.

lot* of fourteene Rod broad Northward of Mr Younglove, & next lot but one to Mr. Younglove, make the eighty acres formerly ordered to be set apart for y^e^ Ministry, That is for y^e^ use and Impve^mt^ or Main tainance & support of such as shall Preach y^e^ word of God to y^e^ People in Suffeild according to y^e^ order & first Settlement thereoff, as in page 4.^th^ sect. 12^th^.† The foure score acres there mentioned as agreed to be set apart, is now here Pitched, y^e^ very Place where it shall abide & be continued (viz) as afore mentioned in these 2 Places on y^e^ East Side of High Streete: first, 14. rod in breadth for y^e^ Howse lot; North ward 12 rod fro y^e^ Reverend Mr Youngloves lot; & then about half a Mile further Northward. 40. rod in breadth more; adjoyning to y^e^ North side of Goodm: Ingersolls lot. All w^ch^ breadth & $\frac{14\text{ rod}}{40\text{ rod}}$ 54. y^e^ whole breadth: all w^ch^ Running back Eastward full twelve score rods in length, makes up y^e^ compleate Eighty acres reserved; Set ap't, & stated for y^e^ Ministry forever: as in pa' 4^th^, & not lyable to any allienation therefrom: ‡And for y^e^ Alotm^t^ for a Schoole w^ch^ as in page 4^th^ was ordered & agreed upon: This Alotm^t^ is likewise Determined to ly in High Streete, betweene y^e^ lot of James King on y^e^ South of it, & y^e^ lot of Michaell Towsley on y^e^ North of y^e^ Schoole lot. This School, Alotm^t^ here stated is in breadth ag^t^ High Streete on y^e^ front, 30 rod, & runs back estward 12 score rod in length, & is to remaine forever to y^e^ use & support of a Schoole in Suffeild, & y^t^ of a Grammar Schoole when it can be obtained, namely when y^e^ Place is Capable of having such a Schoole: & then to be Imployed to noe other use or Impv'em^t^.

Jan 2.^d^ 168½. At a meeting of y^e^ Comitte for Suffield *Present:* John Pynchon. Ben Cooley. Geo: Colton Rowl'd Thomas. Granted: to Timothy Palmer, Judah Trumble, & Joseph Trumble: to each of them Ten acres apeice more then their former, or first Grant, So that by this addition to their Grants their several Alotm^ts^ are sixty acres, that is to say each of y^m^ to have sixty acres apeice.

Mr. Glover:§ having formerly a Grant of An Alotm^t^, & Moving to have it for his Son Samuell, Accordingly there is Granted to Mr Sam^l^ Glover 60^acres^, & to have for his Hom lot‖ 12. rod broad in High Streete, next to Mr Younglove, on y^e^ upper, or North side of him, betwixt Mr Younglove, & y^e^ lot for y^e^ ministry, & If it will holdo ut 13. rod & ½ or 14. rod; y^e^ other lots there having there breadth y^t^ is to say y^e^ lot for y^e^ Ministry. 14 rod & y^e^ next lot above it 12 rod, then Mr. Glover to have y^e^ bredth above it, so as to make him vp 20 acres or more here: y^e^ rest to Compleate Mr Glovers Alot^mt^ 60.^acres^ he to take it up where he may best sute himself, he goeing on w^th^ Impve'm^t^ spedyly. It is ordered that a ¶Highway be laid out from High Streete westward into y^e^ Commons, somewhat above Sam^l^ Lanes lot, about 2 or 3 lots higher, there y^e^ Highway to turne westward, where y^e^ Measurers shall find it best & most convenient, & so as to take 2 or 3

*Knox's Hotel is on this lot.

†See p. 55.

‡At the first town meeting after Suffield was received under Connecticut Jurisdiction (in 1749), it was voted to sell and lease out this "School Lot" for 999 years for 1,000 pounds old tenor and having good land security. See p. 56.

§Rev. Pelatiah Glover of Springfield.

‖Now the Heirs of Rev. Ebenezer Gay.

¶Now the road to Hastings' or Zion's Hill at the upper end of High street.

Springs w^ch^ are thereabouts into y^e^ Highway. Whereas there was *400 acres of land Granted & set ap^t^ for y^e^ Comittee (w^ch^ was measured out, & stated by y^e^ greate River, betweene y^e^ 2 brookes,) as a Compensation for their expences and service, & so determined they should have it free fro paying Purchase or Rates. The Committee yet notwithstanding (for Incouragem^t^ of Inhabitants) releasing y^e^ Place to Edward Allyn & others y^t^ were desirous there to settle, Agreed to take it vp in some other place, as appeares in page .22. w^th^ reference also to pa 17. And now y^e^ sd Committee being further desirous to accomadate y^e^ People of Suffeild: Doe yeild further to relinquish some of y^e^ quantity, & take up wth less land at present, & so their several shares to be as followeth.

Major John Pynchon	80.^acres^	Benjamen Cooley	50.
Geo: Colton	50	Rowland Thomas	50.

Accounting y^e^ right of M^r^ Holyoke, & Leiut Cooper. to be about Thirty, or 35 acres apeice, for their officiating in their life tyme: So that there is Given up to y^e^ Inhabitants about 100 acres. The afores'd Committee are also content that it shall continue Rate free, but only Ten yeares from this tyme, & after Ten yeares, they yeild to pay Rates for their land in p^r^portion w^th^ other Inhabitants: This land now p^r^portioned to y^e^ Committee as aboves'd, They agree to take it up, Either in †"Pipe stave Swamp," or in some other convenient place: & when they come to pay Rates, then to have with others their p^r^portion in after divisions. Granted: to ‡James Smith an Alotmt of 50.^acres^ *p^r^vided* he settle on it next Summer, & y^t^ for his Hom lot he have y^t^ 12 rod broad lying betweene §Michal Towsley & John Ingersoll. Granted: to Mr ‖Joseph Pynchon an Alotm^t^ of 80. acres, p^r^vided he Build a howse on it, & bring 8 or 10. acres in to Imp^r^vement in foure yeares tyme or thereabouts. Granted: to Sam^l^ Bush an addition of Ten acres, & to have this 10 acres by his Meddow for conveniency of fencing. It is ordered: That there shall be a Highway laid of Two or Three Rod wide, to Pass over y^e^ Brooke where Sam^l^ Bush his Meddow is, to goe betwixt him & Good*m*. Grangers Meddow; yet not to p^r^judice Bush his Meddow, but to run straite to y^e^ highland.

Granted: to Joseph Leanord an Alotm^t^ of. 40.^acres^ & to have p^r^t of it for his Hom lot below Obadiah Miller's, viz: 12. rod in breadth there. This was Granted him in May. 1681, Provided he goe on w^th^ Impvem^t^ & settle at Suffeild by May 1682. Granted to John Petty (w^ch^ was Granted y^e^ .19.^th^ of May 1679. & slipt Recording or entring in y^e^ right place; But is as followeth): In y^e^ Lowland southward of y^e^ long hill below Springfield Bounds, There is Granted to John Petty,¶ to ly together 60.^acres^ It is to Run .80. rod north & south, & mostly to ly on the west side of y^e^ Brooke, yet so as to come over it

*See pp. 68, 73.

†The road to Windsor Locks passes through Pipe stave swamp.

‡Did not settle.

§"The County Court at Springfield 1691, order Michal Towsley of Suffield, to be whipt 15 lashes: his wife 10 lashes, and their daughter Mary 8 lashes, all upon ye naked back, well laid on: for lying, making desperate speeches: threatning burning to their neighbors, & killing at least one swine."—Hampshire Court Rec., Vol. A, p. 12.

‖Son of Major Pynchon.

¶Did not settle here. Died in 1680.

eastward to a square, & to y^e^ highland there, & hath Three yeares tyme allowed for Settlem^t^ on it fro this 19^th^ of May. 1679. & y^e^ Grant is upon Condition of Setling on it by y^t^ tyme. Granted to Mr †W^m^ Trowbridge an Alotm^t^ of .50.^acres^ Also to his Son *Thomas Trowbridge 40.^acres^ Granted: to Tho. Barber, his Two sons, Joseph & Benjamen Barber, that are Twins. 40.^acres^ Provided: that y^e^ father, Tho Barber, pay & discharge all Rates & charges y^t^ shall arise upon this Alotm^t^ fro tyme to tyme, till they come of age, & the Grant is to y^m^ both If they live to Injoy it, & in case of death, then y^e^ surviver to have y^e^ whole. Granted to Goodm. Remington an addition of Ten acres of land besides former Grants. Granted to Timothy Hale, about ‡Two acres of land, on y^e^ west side of High Streete, Southerly of Tho Copleys lot, Tho Copley being allowed first to take full 4 rod broad next to his lot, all y^e^ length fro y^e^ front, back to Stony brook, this foure rod in bredth being due to Tho Copley, & allowed him in Lew of land over y^e^ brooke taken fro him for y^e^ High way. The remainder after this 4 rod: is Granted to T^im^ Hale, to y^e^ Highway y^t^ goes over Stony brooke, p^r^vided noe p^r^judice bely it to y^e^ High way. Granted to Zerubbabell ffyler, for his son an Alotment of forty acres. .40:

FINIS. { as to y^e^ acts of y^e^ Committee.

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* Did not settle. Was at this date 23 years old, and unmarried.

† Wm. was living in New Haven, and his brother Thos. was a man of distinction there. He was invited to teach the first school in Suffield with a salary of £10 per annum for 5 years, and a sum for each scholar, in addition, according to law.

‡ The dwelling house of H. Endress is upon this land.

§ M. J. Sheldon's dwelling house is upon this strip of land.

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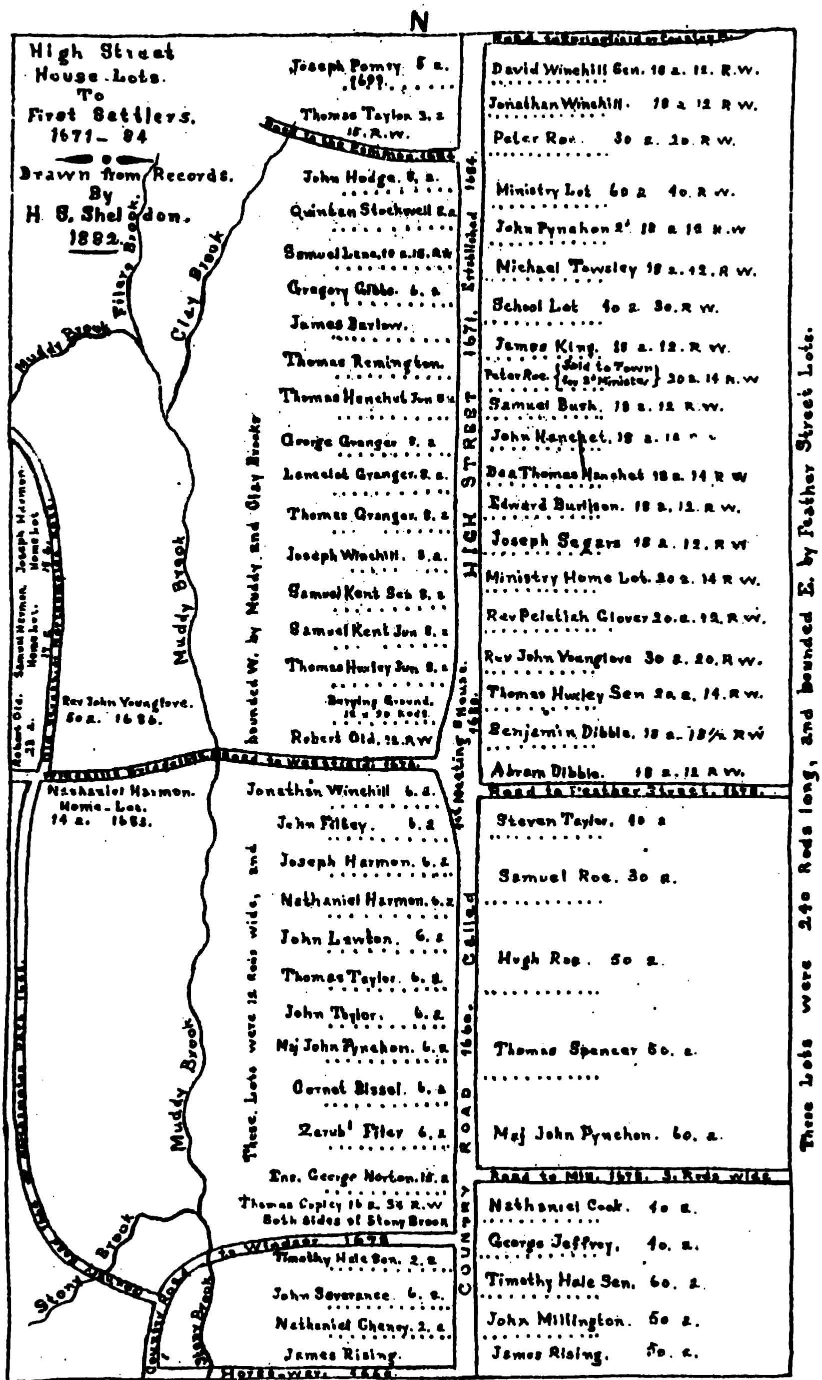

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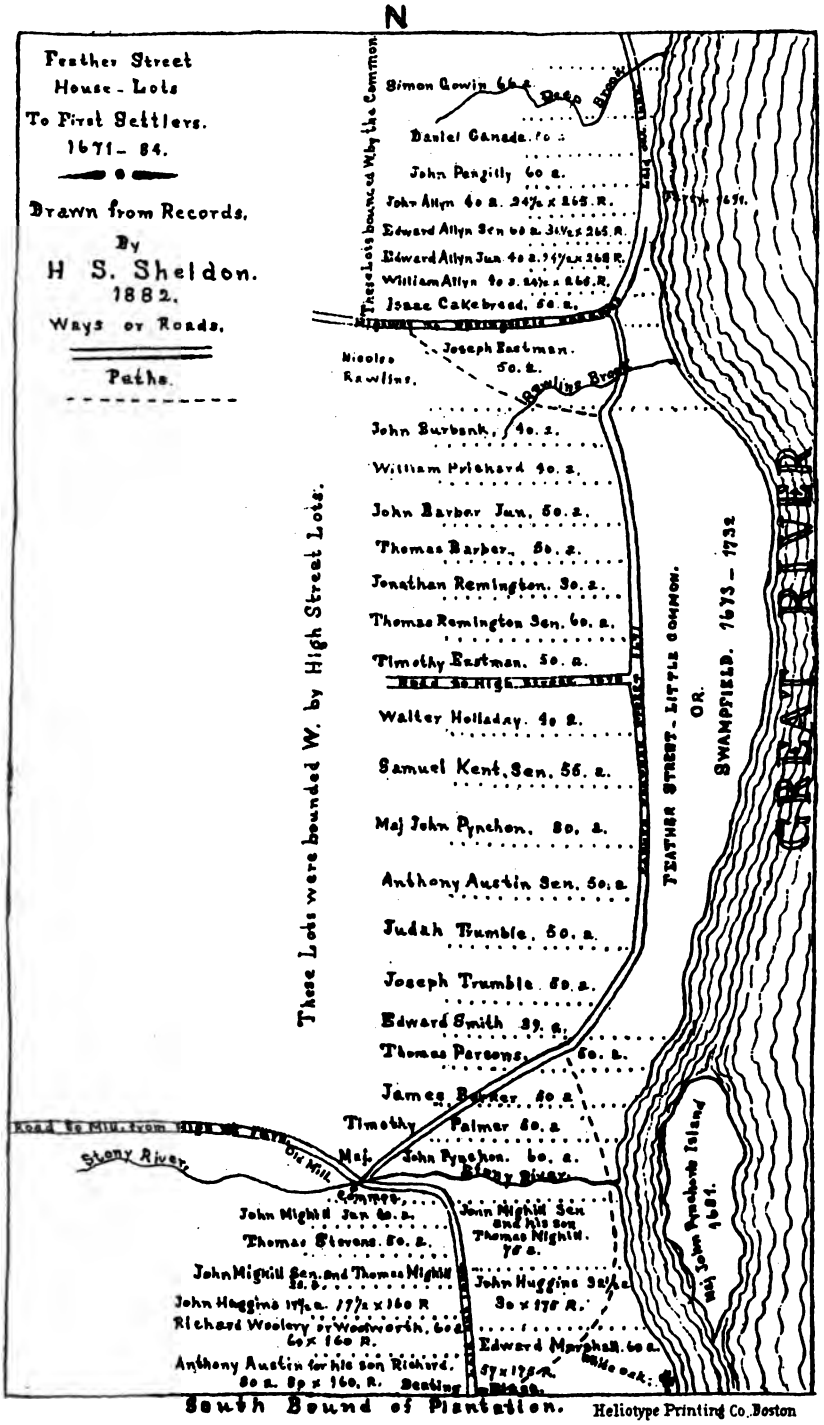
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House - Lots
To First Settlers.
1671 - 84.
Drawn from Records.
By
H S. Sheldon.
1882.
Ways or Roads.
Paths.
These Lots were bounded W. by High Street Lots.
Simon Lewin 6a.
Daniel Canada. 6a.
John Pengilly 6a.
John Allyn 6a. 24½ x 265 R.
Edward Allyn Sen 6a. 31½ x 265 R.
Edward Allyn Jun. 4a. 24½ x 265 R.
William Allyn 4a. 24½ x 265 R.
Isaac Cakebread. 6a.
Joseph Eastman. 6a.
Nicolas Rawlins.
John Burbank. 4a.
William Prichard 4a.
John Barber Jun. 6a.
Thomas Barber. 6a.
Jonathan Remington. 3a.
Thomas Remington Sen. 6a.
Timothy Eastman. 6a.
Walter Holladay. 4a.
Samuel Kent Sen. 5½ a.
Maj John Pynchon. 8a.
Anthony Austin Sen. 5a.
Judah Trumble. 5a.
Joseph Trumble. 8a.
Edward Smith 8a.
Thomas Parsons. 6a.
James Barker. 4a.
Timothy Palmer 6a.
Maj. John Pynchon. 6a.
John Mighill Jun 6a.
Thomas Stevens. 6a.
John Mighill Sen. and Thomas Mighill 12a.
John Huggins 17½ a. 17½ x 160 R
Richard Woolery or Woolworth. 6a. 60 x 160 R.
Anthony Austin for his son Richard. 8a. 8p x 160. R.
John Mighill Sen and his son Thomas Mighill 7a.
John Huggins 3a. 30 x 175 R.
Edward Marshall. 6a. 57 x 175 R.
Bunting
Feather Street - Little Common. OR. Swampfield. 1673 - 1732
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Old Mill
Stony River
Stony River
Maj John Pynchons Island 1681.
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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

FOR PERIODS I. & II.

P. 10, fourteenth line from bottom, for "is" supply "was supposed to be."
P. 11, thirteenth line from bottom, after "Acres" add "6,240 of it was given to Enfield, 1,019 to Suffield."
P. 12, bottom line, for 5,000 read 8,000.
P. 17, sixteenth line from bottom, after "Deaths" supply "Marriage publications were not transcribed."
P. 24, Samuel Marshfield, s. of Thos. of Dorchester, was b. 1652, d. at Springfield, 1692.
P. 28, Joseph Leonard's 40 a. was sold to Joseph King for £25.
P. 28, the Ingersoll Grants were sold to John Pengilley for £65.
P. 30, Wm. Allyn was a collier in 1729.
P. 30, Ebenezer Burbank was a cordwainer in 1726.
P. 31, fifth line from bottom, for 1678 read 1675.
P. 31, sixth line from bottom, after "Ruth" supply "Denslow."
P. 32, "James Canada, a stranger, was sick and died at Springfield, Sept. 12, 1689" (Spfgd. Rec.).
P. 33, "Gregory Gibbs" was born about 1625. (See Giles Gibbs' will, Vol. 1, Conn. Col. Rec.)
P. 33, Simon Gowin d. at Springfield, 1693. (Will, Vol. I, Col. Rec.)
P. 37, ninth line from top, for "John" supply "Samuel."
P. 38, seventh line, for "Timothy of Windsor" supply "Thomas of Rowley."
P. 41, Thomas Smith was a "tanner."
P. 41, Stephen Taylor sold his House Lot in 1699 to Richard Austin for £150.
P. 44, Timothy Wolworth was Town surveyor 1751, and had list in 1775.
P. 45, Robert Old, Jr., was a first settler of Brimfield (now Monson).
P. 58, the first sentence was added by the transcriber in 1771.
P. 66, In note at bottom, read Capt. Holyoke died Feb. 5, 1676.
P. 72, Wm. Horsford preached in Springfield, 1654.
P. 85, Benj. Ruggles was born Aug. 11, 1676. In first line supply comma after "neglecting," and omit it after "pay."
P. 96, line thirteen from top, for "Simsbury" supply "the wilderness."
P. 99, in note at the bottom, after "record," for "of" read "in."
P. 102, line eighteen from top, for "Barker" read "Barber."
P. 103, in note, for "North" read "Crooked Lane."
P. 107, to last note after p. supply "147."
P. 110, in note, for "3,129" read "3,000."
P. 140, Highway from Kent corner southerly toward "Taintor Hill."
P. 168, "Springfield Road," called "Crooked Lane," 1710.
P. 168, in note, for "1838" read "1831."
P. 172, twenty-seventh line from bottom, supply "months" for "years," and "escaped" for "was redeemed."
P. 174, in note, twelfth line from bottom, read (See pp. 29: 126).
P. 189, to note, supply (See p. 102).
P. 178, bottom line, for "Hall" read "Hale."

OUTLINE SKETCHES.

THE FIRST TOWN MEETING.

Most of the early settled towns were founded under grants from the general court to companies, or individuals, with certain conditions, such as those in the Suffield grant, without any more formal act of incorporation.

Eleven years had elapsed since the grant was made, and two of the committee had died. The remaining members having more than fulfilled the conditions of the grant, and desiring to be discharged, procured an* order from the general court of Mass., by which a meeting of the inhabitants qualified to vote was ordered to be held March 9, 1682.

The first town meeting was held March 9, 1682. There were thirty-four qualified voters, including Maj. John Pynchon.

The list of voters, and the record of this meeting in the "old book," is in his handwriting. No moderator was chosen, and he probably served in that capacity. Five selectmen, a town clerk, two highway surveyors, a land measurer, and a sealer of leather were chosen to serve one year. No treasurer was chosen, or needed, as neither taxes, salaries, or debts were paid in money, but in grain, provisions, etc., the prices current of which were regulated by a vote of the town, and was called "town pay."

From this time the town records are made up of the names of town officers, votes about receiving inhabitants, laying out highways, settling town lines, settling and providing for ministers, and for schools, building and repairing, and seating the meeting-house and school-house, taking care of, and dividing the common lands, providing for the poor, etc.

A careful examination of the records of families makes the entire population about three hundred souls. Twenty-five of these family surnames are now represented here, by lineal descendants.

PROPRIETORS.

The persons to whom the committee made grants of lands, had become the "proprietors," or owners of the township. There had been dis-

*No record of this order is found in the Colony Acts.

tributed by the committee 6258 acres. The remainder, amounting to more than 15,000 acres, was owned, controlled, and divided by, and among these proprietors, as the majority directed. In 1682, sixty-two proprietors were heads of families, thirty-four unmarried; and some of these were boys. Sixteen others, including the committee, none of whom settled here, disposed of their rights and franchises to admitted inhabitants and permanent settlers.

Deacon John Hanchet, who died Oct. 23, 1744, aged ninety-five, was the last survivor of the original "proprietors" of the town of Suffield.

THE SECOND MEETING HOUSE.

The second meeting-house was erected between Aug. 26, and Dec. 16, A.D. 1700.

Its site was "on the top of the hill against the Burying Place." The same substantially as that of the present congregational church edifice.

Its master-builder is unknown, but he was probably from one of the "upper towns."

It was "40 foot square, clapboarded and shingled." It had a gallery, and probably two rows of windows, although the height of the structure is not recorded. The sum of sixty pounds, one half in silver money, and one half in town pay, was voted to defray the cost.

It was ready for use Jan. 7, 1702, when difficulties occurred about the seating, and the services of Col. John Pynchon were required to adjust this formidable question, a matter that caused our ancestors a deal of anxiety, and is not yet altogether at rest.

The first meeting-house was probably located, and built upon the common, as a temporary structure, and was used about twenty-two years.

The second was a more imposing affair, and with but few external changes, stood until April 25, 1749, when it was taken down to give place to a more modern structure.*

SETTLERS AND FOUNDERS OF FAMILIES.

1682–1715.

Jacob Adams, son of Robert of Newbury, Mass., was born there Sept. 13, 1651, married Ann Allyn, April 7, 1677. Children: Dorothy, born June 26. 1679; Rebecca, born Aug. 26, 1680; removed to Suffield, had children: Jacob, Daniel, John, Abraham, born Nov. 10, 1687;

* See town acts, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1708, 1710, 1711, 1722, 1723, for building and seating the meeting-house.

Ann, Elizabeth, born Aug. 16, 1692; Sarah, all of whom were mentioned in his will. He bought his brother John Allyn's farm near the ferry, and became a prominent man in town matters. He was a representative at the general court for the years 1711, 1714, 1717; dying at Boston in Nov., the latter year. His four sons settled here, and had families. The family name is yet represented here in their posterity.

Joseph[2] Fuller (carpenter), the Suffield settler, and ancestor of all the Suffield Fullers, was gr. son of John of Newton, Mass., the immigrant, and son of Joseph[1] (carpenter) of Ipswich. He was born there July 4, 1685. Joseph, Sen., was a soldier under Capt. Turner in the Falls fight in 1676. In 1696 he bought of Samuel Bush his Suffield proprietary grants, which included his eighteen acre house* lot in High street, adjoining John Hanchett's. He did not remove here, but in 1714 deeded these lands to his son Joseph,[3] who married Bathsheba, daughter of John Hanchett, Sept. 18, 1715, and became a permanent settler here. His descendants have not been numerous, but usually substantial and honored inhabitants. Joseph[3] the Suffield settler, died March 7, 1744. His children were Mary and Bathsheba, born June 11, 1716; Mary died April 17, 1717; Mary, second of the name, born May 8, 1718; Sarah, born May 31, 1720; Hannah, born Oct. 3, 1721, died Jan. 2, 1722, and Joseph[3], born Aug. 25, 1726, who had five children, and died at Suffield March 25, 1807.

Joseph Pomrey, ancestor of all of the name in Suffield, was the son of Medad of Northampton, and grandson of Eltweed of Windsor, the immigrant. He was born at Northampton, June 26, 1672, and married Hannah Seymour, Nov. 29, 1692. By a vote in town meeting 1699, he was invited to settle, and abide here, and to follow his trade (blacksmith) for the benefit of the town; with the added wish that it might "please the Lord to bless him with health, and strength so to doe."

Forty acres of land was given him "for inheritance." He removed here in 1699. His children were: Hannah and Eliakim, who died young. Hannah, second of the name, born July 15, 1702; Benjamin, born Nov. 19, 1704, who became a distinguished minister and reformer at Hebron, Conn. Nathaniel born Jan. 23, 1707, settled in Suffield; and Noah, born Oct. 20, 1709, at Suffield. He was a captain at the time of his death which occurred Dec. 16, 1712. Col. Seth Pom-

* Now owned by Doct. J. K. Mason and Chas. F. Loomis.

eroy of revolutionary fame was his nephew. Eltweed Pomeroy is believed to have been the progenitor of all who bear this surname in this country. His descendants have been very numerous, some distinguished, and generally prominent, and substantial inhabitants in the communities where they dwelt.

Quinton Stockwell, (husbandman,) lived at Hatfield, and removed to Deerfield where he was captured by the Indians Sept. 19, 1677, and carried to Canada. The story of his sufferings and captivity is told in "Remarkable Providences," by the Rev. Increase Mather. He took the oath of allegiance Feb. 8, 1679, and about this time removed to Branford, Conn. Aug. 24, 1683, he was admitted an inhabitant of Suffield, with a gift of forty acres of land for his settlement. His† homestead was eight acres at the upper end of High street, west side.

His children by his wife "Abigail," were John, b. Oct. 8, 1676; Eleazur, born at Branford, Nov. 16, 1679; both were married, and had families recorded in Suffield.

Quinton Stockwell was an esteemed and respected inhabitant, serving the town in many of its local offices.

He died January 22, 1715. His widow died May 5, 1730. Not long after, the surname disappears from our records.

Mr. Joshua Leavit (Inholder). Bought the house-lot with buildings, that had belonged to the first minister, for the sum of 127 pounds, A.D. 1714, and settled here at that time. He bought the proprietary rights of John Watson, was Clerk of the Market in 1715–16, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for many years; was a Lieutenant in 1729.

He was the son of "Josiah," of Hingham, Mass.; and grandson of John the immigrant, who was first at Dorchester, then at Hingham. He was born at Hingham, Aug. 1, 1687. Married Hannah —— in 1714; children recorded at Suffield, are Hannah, born April 1, 1715, died Oct. 23, 1732; Joshua, born Mar. 1, 1716, died Oct. 31, 1732; Freegrace, born August 12, 1719; Jemima, born November 10, 1722; John, born July 16, 1724; Ichabod, died in infancy. Hannah his wife died November 24, 1726. He married second wife, Mary Winchell, January 29, 1730; children, Jonathan, born January 11, 1731; Hannah and Mary, born April 16, 1733, and after their father's decease, which occurred October 22, 1732.

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† Old Book, p. 69.

"Princess," his negro slave, died November 5, 1732.

His son, John Leavitt. married Abiah Kent, June 20, 1745; twelve children are recorded to them. Their third son, "Thaddeus," was a man of note; was one of the Commissioners for Conn. to establish the State Line in 1803. He died in 1813, in the sixty-third year of his age. None of the name are now to be found in Suffield.

Asaph Leavit (carpenter), brother of Joshua: Bought George Granger's house-lot on High street, supposed to contain eight acres, for the sum of forty-five pounds, and settled here, A.D. 1714. He married Ruth Devotion, March 28, 1717. She died April 23, 1718; for second wife, married Margaret Bissell of Windsor, August 30, 1722. He was Representative 1750–55—6 years. Appointed captain 1751.

Captain Asaph Leavitt died April 14, 1774.

Joseph Sheldon bought, August 1, 1699, for the sum of fifty-five pounds, of Victory Sikes, his house-lot of twenty-one acres with a mansion thereon. This lot was a first-grant to the Rev. Peletiah Glover, and nearly 100 years has been the homestead of the Revs. Ebenezer Gay, father and son, and now belongs to their heirs.

Joseph Sheldon removed from Northampton to Suffield at the time of his purchase, and became at once a leading man in town affairs; was Selectman in 1700–3; prominent in the Boundary difficulties with Simsbury and Windsor; was made Ensign 1702; Captain 1707; was Representative to the General Assembly at Boston, 1703, also in 1705, and was continued in that office until his death at Boston, July 2, 1708, when the Governor, and both branches of the General Assembly attended his funeral.

His descendants did not remain in Suffield. His son Joseph sold the homestead, with the "mansion and buildings," to his cousin Josiah (merchant), son of Thomas. Captain Joseph Sheldon was the fourth son of Isaac of Northampton, born February 1, 1668; married Mary the daughter of Joseph Whiting, and grand-daughter of Major John Pynchon, 169–; children, born at Northampton, were Joseph, 1695; who died same year; Amy and Mary: children born here; Joseph, December 26, 1700; Rachel, born March 8, 1703; Benjamin, born August 26, 1705. His widow married John Ashley, of Westfield. By inheritance, and purchase they were owners of the Island in the Connecticut River, A D. 1717; and of the Pynchon * saw-mill lot, at

* See page 64.

the mouth of Stony Brook, which they sold to John Elliot, of Windsor, in 1712, for 35 pounds.

SUFFIELD MINISTERS.

1680–1749.

JOHN YOUNGLOVE—The First Minister.

John Younglove* had a settlement in lands here, the same as his successors, and received the house-lot with a dwelling upon it which had been set apart for the first minister. In 1858 the First Congregational Church erected a monument to the "First Pastor," Benjamin Ruggles, while not a slab or stone marks the grave of John Younglove, the town's "First Minister."

His sons Samuel and James had families, and lived in Suffield and were prominent in town affairs. James died Oct. 21, 1723. There is no record found of the death of Samuel.

The following record of a meeting of the inhabitants of Suffield, is found upon a mutilated fly-leaf in the Old Book, and is the only recorded act of the inhabitants before the organization of the town. This record is in the handwriting of Samuel Partrigg, then clerk of Hampshire Co. Court. The words and letters enclosed in parentheses are supplied. In this vote the salary is mentioned.†

At a legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, Nov. y^e^ 17th., 1679, it was agreed and voted for y^e^ incouragement of M^r^ Jn^o^ Younglove ‡to build him a House, forty foot in length, twenty foot in breadth, and ten foot between Joynts, and to shingle, and clapboard the same: and to set up a stack of chimneys; either of brick or (stone) as shall be judged most easy to accomplish; onely M^r^ Younglove (giv)ing ten Pound of the three score we engaged for this pres(ent year) and to find all nailes for the shingling, and clapboarding (y^e^ sa)me.

Further! Deacon Tho: Hanchet, Abraham Dibble, (Sam^l^) Kent, Hughe Roe, David Winchill, and Joseph Tru(mble, were) chosen as a Committee for to se to the p^r^formance of (this worke), and obligation: and we doe hereby fully impower this (Committ)ee to let out the said worke to a Master Workman, or (persons) as they shall se cause; and to agree with them for their (worke by) the day, or let it out to them by the great, provided! the (In)habitants, as many as doe desire it, may pay their (share in) this worke, in their hand labour; and for their (pay we leave) it with our Committee to agree with them (as they se cause), and if any man, after sufficient warning y^t^ (y^e^ Committee Give), shall refuse or neglect to come to this (worke), we doe fully impower y^e^ Committee to hire some other (in their) roome y^t^ the worke be not hindred, and to fetch

* For his family Record see Sav. Genealogy. † See p. 16. ‡ See pp. 72, 74.

from (any) person, or persons, soe refusing, or neglecting such pay, as (shall) procure a man in his stead.

STEVENS.

May 26, 1690, the town invited Mr. —— Stevens* then a resident and schoolmaster at Northampton, "to come and dispense the things of God unto us."

The following record upon a fly-leaf of the "old Book" contains all that is known of this effort to procure a minister.†

At a Legall Town Meeting, May y^e^ 26, 1690: It was unanimously agreed and voted, by the Inhabitants, in the first place to make their application to Mr. Stevens, now resident and Schoolmaster in Northampton, for to give him an invitation to come and dispence the things of God unto us; and in order thereunto we have chosen a Committee of five men, *viz.:* Serj. Joseph Harmon, Serj. Jn^o^ Pingilly, David Winchill, Thomas Remmington, Anthony Austin, who are to manage the affaire for the Town, and to doe their utmost endeavour to procure Mr. Stevens, and in case of failour there: then to send or goe to the Bay, and by the advise of Elders there, to procure some able young man that may be likely by the blessing of God upon his indeavours to be a repairer of the breaches that have unhapily been made amongst us, and the reuniting of us again together in peace and love.

BENJAMIN RUGGLES—The Second Minister.

Rev. Benjamin Ruggles was born at Roxbury, Mass., Aug. 11, 1674. Graduated at Harvard College, 1693.

Aug. 1, 1695: At a Town Meeting of this date the following Preamble and votes were passed:

"It having pleased God in his providence to incline the heart of Mr. Benjamin Ruggles to come and give us a visit, soe that we for some sabbaths past have had a tast of his labours, and proof of his abilities and accomplishment for the work of the ministry: to the good liking, satisfaction, and content of us his auditours": Therefore Voted: "To give Mr. Benjamin Ruggles a call to return, and dispence the things of God to us, and that in order to his continuance and settlement amongst us, in due time may it please the Lord to incline his heart to embrace the same."

For his "encouragement" the same salary and settlement were offered, as to the preceding candidates. Mr. Ruggles was then 19 years of age, and his father, John of Roxbury, appears to have conducted the negotiations for his son.

* Perhaps Timothy, son of Timothy of Roxbury, and afterward minister at Glastonbury, Conn. See Sav. Gen.

† Other futile attempts were made, as will be found in the Town Acts. George Philips, Stephen Mix, Nathan^l^ Clap were called, but declined.

At a Town Meeting, Aug. 28, 1695: "It was then agreed and fully and clearly voted in answer to Mr. Ruggles, his propositions, to concur with him as to the digging of *his son's well;* and alsoe agreed to cut, make and bring him home six load of hay for the space of four years, in which time we hope he may be in a better way to supply himself."

Early in the year 1696, measures were taken to have the chimney built, glass procured, etc., for the finishing the minister's house.

Mr. Ruggles was married Nov. 19, 1696, and the house (which was erected before April, 1697), was so far completed as to be occupied by him about this time. His first child was born before his settlement.

Jan. 12, 1697, the town voted to build Mrs. Ruggles a pew.

May 7, 1697, the inhabitants renewed the call of 1695.

July 22, 1697, "It was agreed and voted to be at the town's cost to send a man downe to the Bay to accompany Mr. Ruggles up," and "Goodman Roe was chosen to attend that service."

Nov. 25. "Every man from sixteen years old and above," was required to spend one day "in getting Mr. Ruggles his wood."

March 1, 1698. The negotiations which had been pending more than two and a half years, now terminated.

A carefully-drawn contract, guarding well the interests of the minister, signed by the selectmen, was placed upon the town-record book.

March 23, 1698. At a town meeting it was voted to invite several ministers to advise "the Reverend Mr. Ruggles, and ourselves, respecting our present circumstances, in order to his settlement amongst us in the work of the ministry, as the law directs."

Accordingly, it was voted to "invite these gentlemen upon the place, on said account, the last *Tuesday of April next ensuing."

The settlement was probably concluded at this time, as the subject is not again alluded to in the town acts.

The title, "Rev.," given to Mr. Ruggles previously, would imply that he had been already ordained to the ministry.

All that is known of his short ministerial life must be inferred from the town records. No church records exist, and nothing is elsewhere to be found from his lips or pen—tradition even being silent.

A new meeting-house, and school-house (the first one) were built soon after his settlement. The town also supported a representative at the General Court; which it had done but once, since it was settled. It is easy to believe, that Mr. Ruggles was prime agent in these progressive movements.

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* April 26, 1698. (Sikes.)

**Family Record.*

Mr. Benjamin Ruggles and Mrs. Mercy Woodbridge were joined in marriage, Nov. y^e^ 19, 1696:
Their daughter Mercy, born Nov. y^e^ 6, 1697.
Their son Benjamin, born August y^e^ 26, 1699.
Their son Joseph, born January y^e^ 30, 1701.
Their daughter Abigail, born Nov. y^e^ 6, 1702.
Their daughter Ruth, born January y^e^ 29, 1703–4.
Their daughter Apphia, born Nov. y^e^ 19, 1705.
Their daughter Tryphena, born June y^e^ 22, 1707.
Mrs. Mercy Ruggles, deceased, June y^e^ 28, 1707.
Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, himself deceased, Sept. y^e^ 5, 1708.

MR. RUGGLES'S HOMESTEAD.

In a deed † executed at New Haven, Conn., Oct. 7, 1724, Benjamin Ruggles, who gives his residence as now in London, a mariner by occupation, conveyed to Dudley Kent of Suffield, for the consideration of 120 pounds, the homestead, formerly the dwelling-place of his father the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, containing by estimation 20 acres; bounded westerly: by the highway or town street, northerly: by the house-lot of William King, easterly: by land of Jonathan Remington, and southerly: by the homestead now in possession of Mr. Atherton Mather. This lot was owned and built upon by the late Henry A. Sikes, Esq., and is now in the possession of Leroy Gillett. It was first the home lot of Peter Roe, and sold by him to the town, for a minister lot, A. D. 1688 or 9.

NATHANIEL CHAUNCEY.

Within three weeks after the death of Mr. Ruggles, the Town voted to make

"application to the Worthy Mr. Chancy of Cookenchaog (Durham, Ct.,) to come and dispense the things of God unto us;" and "Deac. Harmon, Serj. Hanchet, Serj. Adams are with all convenient speed to go to the Worthy Mr. Chancy; and do their best indeavour to bring him upon the place in order to his settlement amongst us in the work of the Ministrie."

March 14, 1709: The Town voted "to send down to Mr. Chancy for an answer to what hath been proposed to him."

He declined and was soon after ordained, and settled at Durham, Ct., preaching there more than fifty years.‡

* Suff. Rec. of Births etc., old book, p. 26.
† See Book D, p. 434, Springfield Land Records.
‡ See Fowler's Hist. of Durham.

HALE.

March 21st, 1709: "Corporal Jonathan Taylor, and Clerk John Kent, were chosen to go down to Saybrook, to make enquiry concerning the Worthy Mr. Hale, and to seek after a Minister." Mr. Hale was invited to come upon the place "by way of tryall;" but declined.

EBENEZER DEVOTION—The Third Minister.

Aug. 2d, 1709: Mr. Devotion having already "given the Inhabitants a tast of his labours, (&) some proofs of his abillities and accomplishments for the work of the Ministery to their good liking and satisfaction," the Town invited him to "stay with them," with a salary of 80 pounds a year for five years; and 100 pounds a year thereafter, and for a settlement, agreed to give him "150 pound as money, and 60 acres of land."

With this 150 pounds, Samuel Harmon's House Lot was bought, and a Minister's House* was built upon it, and it was given to Mr. Devotion as his settlement.

Oct. 16, 1709: Voted "to send a man down with Mr. Devotion to accompany him in his jorny toward the Bay."

Oct. 31st: Voted "to wait for the Worthy Mr. Devotion untill Spring, according to the advice of the neighboring Ministers."

Feb. 16, 1710: The Town "by a full and clear vote: gave the Worthy Mr. Ebenezer Devotion a further call, in order to his taking office upon him."

May 10th, 1710: "Upon the proposall of Mr. Devotion: the town ingage to get him 80 cord of wood yearly." Also "It was voted to procure a drum to beat upon, on the sabbath, for calling the assembly seasonably together;" and if it should please God in his providence to make way for the ordination of the Worthy Mr. Ebenezer Devotion; that they will be at the necessary charges thereof." It was also stipulated that "Veall shall not be accounted as a specia, in any payment to Mr. Devotion."

He was ordained June 28, 1710. He married his first wife Oct. 4th, 1710, and the Town voted "by a clear vote to allow John Rising 3 shillings p^{r} day for himself, and his horse for y^{e} nine daies he was out, when he went to y^{e} Bay with Mr. Devotion, the when he went to be married."

His pastorate was a successful one, of more than 30 years duration, terminated by his death. Extensive revivals prevailed throughout New England in the latter part of his ministry, and 327 members were

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*This was the "porch house" and the third parsonage built by the Town. It was located on land now owned by Miss Louise E. Hatheway, opposite the south end of the Park. It has long since disappeared; the well near by remains; and one of the famous elms, probably planted by Mr. Devotion. See Suff. Bi-Cen., p. 92.

added to his church in 7 years. One of the results of this increase was the formation of the West Precinct in 1740, and the 2d Congregational Church Nov. 10, 1743.

The Rev[d] Ebenezer Devotion* was born at Brookline, Mass., and was the son of John, and grandson of Edward of Roxbury, † graduated at Harvard College in 1707, and died April 11, 1741, in the 31st year of his ministry, at the age of 57.

His father, John, removed to Suffield, and his will of Oct., 1732, probated in February following, showed a good estate. The History of Windham Co. ‡ says, that John Devotion, with others § from Suffield, formed a company in 1726, for manufacturing iron, and bought two acres of land on the northeast side of the Willimantic River, including the privilege now owned by the Willimantic Linen Co., and built the first dam there in 1727.

EBENEZER GAY—The Fourth Minister.

Ebenezer Gay, D. D., was the son of Lusher and Mary Gay; grandson of Nathaniel; great-grandson of John, of Watertown. He was born at Dedham, May 4th, 1718. Graduated at Harvard College, 1737; preached his first sermon at Suffield, Aug. 9th, 1741; and was ordained to the ministry there, January 13, 1742. He was acting pastor for more than fifty years. His son, Ebenezer, Jr., was appointed his assistant, March 6th, 1793, and his active labors closed. He died March 7th, 1796, in the 55th year of his ministry, and the 78th year of his age. His widow "Mary" died Oct. —, 1796.‖

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* Savage.

† For his family see Book of the Ruggles Monument Celebration, p. 50.

‡ Vol. 1, p. 101.

§ The others were Daniel Badger, Samuel Hatheway, and Joseph Kellogg.

‖ Extract from Rev. Joseph Lathrop's funeral discourse, delivered at the interment of Mrs. Mary Gay, October 25, 1796:

"Mrs. Gay was not only respectable for her parentage, natural abilities and acquired accomplishments, but highly esteemed among all her acquaintances for her Christian spirit and deportment; her easy, and agreeable sociability; her hospitality to strangers, and courtesy to friends; her eminent prudence in the public situation, and connection assigned her by providence; her fidelity and tenderness in the domestic relations; and her solicitude to render all happy who were placed under the inspection of her eyes, or stood within reach of her arms.

"A great blessing has she been, not only in her family, but in this Society. By her discreet and exemplary conversation, she has contributed, in her place, to her consort's ministry, and to peace and good order among the people of his charge; and for them she has trained up a son to succeed in the father's place, that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd."

Family Record.

Ebenezer Gay and Mrs. Hannah Angier of Cambridge were joined in marriage July y^e^ 1742. She died April 20, 1762; no children recorded. He married 2^d^ wife, Mary Cushing, of Scituate; a daughter of Judge Cushing, Nov. 10, 1768. Their children were:

Mary, b. Sept. 23d, 1764.
Ebenezer, b. Mar. 10, 1766, lived & died at Suff. leaving no male heirs.
William, b. Oct. 16, 1767, " " " " " " "
John Luther, b. Mar. 18, 1770, died Mar. 18, 1771.

"Doctor Gay* was so extensively known, and where he was known, so universally esteemed, that a full portrait of his character is unnecessary. He was a man of strong mind, and superior learning, of a clear and discerning intellect; a cool and penetrating judgment, unshaken fortitude, and inflexible integrity."

"In conversation he was pleasant, and intructive, and sometimes agreeably facetious, and innocently humorous. He was easy of access, given to hospitality, faithful in his friendships, free from dissimulation, tender in domestic relations; a most obliging neighbor, and a lover of mankind."

"He was an able and learned divine—a scribe well instructed into the kingdom of God."

"He was a wise and judicious counseller, and an entertaining, and instructive preacher. His public discourses were composed with attention, and enriched with sentiment. His style was neat, pure, and elegant, yet easy, and familiar; and while it descended to the lowest capacity, it was suited to the most refined taste."

"He was steady in his principles; but despising bigotry, he ever manifested an amiable liberality of spirit. He never was severe to censure, or forward to condemn those of different sentiments; but disposed to think candidly, and hope charitably of all, who appeared to possess the Christian temper."

"As prudence marked, so peace attended his steps through the whole course of his ministry, and the harmony with which it commenced has been continued to the close."

"In a word, he passed through life with a character pure and unstained, and finished his course with the serenity of Christian hope." "In the latter part of his life he suffered much from bodily disorders, which often confined him for weeks together. But before he was wholly disabled from the labors of the ministry, he was happy to see his people disposed to provide him an assistant, and united in the choice of his son to serve with him in the gospel."

"After this transaction he, under increasing infirmities, protracted his life three years, and then closed this mortal scene."

COLONY AND TOWN LINES. †

When the Connecticut Valley was settled, both Massachusetts and Connecticut claimed jurisdiction over Waranocoe (now Westfield), which was then a place of great importance, for its beaver trade with the Indians.

* From Rev. Joseph Lathrop's funeral discourse.

† (See page 10. Additional and correctional.)

In 1640, Connecticut granted to its governor the exclusive right of this trade there, for seven years, and the right to purchase lands for that Commonwealth.

This right was disputed by the Massachusetts government, and it employed two artists (Woodward and Saffery), in 1642, to run the colony line. They decided that the line was south from Waranocoe; and it was taken under Massachusetts jurisdiction. by a special act, in 1648. Connecticut acquiesced. The same year,* the Massachusetts General Court extended Springfield's area on the east side of the river south, to a point twenty poles below the warehouse, which they had built there.

Bliss' History of Springfield † says:

"The warehouse was at Warehouse Point, at a house occupied by John Bissell, nearly in the north line of Windsor. It was meant to include all the land within the colony, according to the measuring of Woodward and Saffery."

The grant for a new town (Suffield) out of Springfield's domain, in 1670, revived the boundary question, that had slumbered since the matter of jurisdiction over Waranocoe had been decided.

The Springfield settlers must have believed that the colony line was near the foot of the falls, as no grant was asked for, or made below them, either east or west of the river.

"Kittle Brooke"‡ had been Windsor's north bound from 1636, to May 1671, when it was extended north two miles by the Connecticut General Court. This new boundary line§ was defined as "beginning at the mouth of Kettle Brook, (commonly called Stony Brook,) against an island in the river, running west five miles into the wilderness." This extension overlapped the Suffield grant, and transformed Kettle Brook into Stony Brook, a name never before or since given it.

In a similar spirit, Massachusetts claimed that the "line had been already run and settled many years since." It ordered, that this line be extended twenty miles westward from the river. It was run twelve miles only; and nothing further is recorded of this line of 1642 (soon after conceded to be erroneous) but the following order, and report from Major Pynchon, which prove that the Woodward & Saffery line was about three miles below the Falls, instead of at Warehouse Point.

May 1671. ‖ It is left to the care of Major John Pynchon to take care, and appointe meete instruments to runne the south line of our Patent as farr as he

* Mass. Col. Rec., vol. II., p. 27.
† Bliss' Hist. Address, p. 11.
‡ Conn. Col. Rec., vol. I., p. 7; vol. II., p. 155.
§ Conn. Col. Rec., vol. V., p. 147.
‖ Mass. Col. Rec., vol. IV., p. 487.

shall see meete: twenty miles westward from the Connecticot River, beginning where Goodman Woodward left, or otherwise he shall find it most convenient.

In pursueance* of the order of the Honored General Court May 31, 1671, for the runing the south line of our Patent further west from Connecticott Ryver; I went from Springfield to Windsor the 31st day of October 1671, having Mr. James Taylor with me for the artist; besides the rest of the Company w^ch^ I had got ready the day before.

We came to the house of John Bissall against the old Ferry place, in Connecticott Ryver; at, or about the higher end of Windsor toune: where Nathaniel Woodward & Solomon Saffery the former artists left off: and there wee begunn, w^ch^ was about halfe a mile from the Ryver, & upon the rising of the hill over the way, on the west side of John Bissalls house.

Wee set our compasse, & then measured directly west one mile, & at the miles end, marked a red oake tree; east & west w^th^ the surveyors mark O $\frac{M}{1671}$ & $\frac{M}{1}$:

Past on: went over a fence; came to the Ryveret, viz^t^: Windsor Riveret; ran through a little meadow, marked severall trees in the range before & some at the meadow & one where a brooke runs into the Riveret; and another tree by the Riverets side; and then on the other side that River. Past on from the first mile tree, marked as above; one mile more when for our second mile tree; wee marked a great white oake in the lyne $\frac{M.\ \text{for Mass.}}{JP\ M.\ 2,\ \text{for 2 miles.}}$

Past on still marking severall trees in the lyne, & set on O, the surveyors marke, & at one mile further, came to a pine tree in the line; marked it as before $\frac{M}{1671}$ M 3:

Went on; marking severall trees in the line w^th^ the surveyors mark O, east & west; came to a pond which the line crossed being fluety rod over, & going on further for one mile more, came to a great pine tree w^ch^ stood neere a rod & a halfe out of the line, & therefore marked it, neere the foote of it & on the north side of it $\frac{M}{1671}$, M 4.

Passed on, marking severall trees in the line w^th^ O; came to a small white oake by a little swampe or brooke, being one mile further, & marked it as before, on the north side, it being halfe a rod to the south of the line $\frac{M}{1671}$ M. 5.

Passed on west, marking severall trees in the range, came to the east side of a hill, one mile further, & there, upon the assent of the hill, marked a small red oake in the line $\frac{M}{1671}$ M. 6.

Passed on over the hills marking severall trees in the line & on the west side of the mounteyne, being another mile, marked a black oake in the line $\frac{M}{1671}$ M. 7.

Passed on doune the hill, marking severall trees in the line; mett again w^th^ the ryver, Viz^t^: Windsor Riveret, having gon halfe a mile from the former mile tree. Passed over the river halfe a mile further, river and all, crossing

* Mass. Col. Rec., vol. IV., Part 2, p. 517.

the river againe in a boat & having passed some meadow, ascended the top of a hill by the river side, there marked a black oake $\frac{M}{1671}$ for Mass. $\frac{}{JP}$ M. 8.

Past on, marking severall trees in the line wth the surveyors marke & one mile further came to a pine tree in the line; marked it $\frac{M}{1671}$ $\frac{}{JP}$ M. 9.

Going on still west, marking trees as the line as before, came one mile further, to a black oake, and marked it as before, for tenn miles $\frac{M}{1671}$ $\frac{}{JP}$ M. 10.

Passed on, marking trees, and over a little swampe, and at the head of a spruce swampe, being one mile further, marked a red oake as before $\frac{M}{1671}$ $\frac{}{JP}$ M. 11 mile.

Passed on over a swampy marsh; came to a great mounteyne; went up the mounteyne about a mile, raysed a heap of stones there; called it Walnut Tree Mountayne, and then marked a forked leaning red oake tree, which we marked on the north side of that forke w^{ch} goes to the north, $\frac{M}{JP}$ $\frac{}{JT}$ & the east side of this North forke we marked $\frac{M}{1671}$, M, 12. Here wee ended our worke on the 3^{d} of November, 1671, night coming on, and nothing appearing further westward but mountainous land as farr as could be seene.

JOHN PYNCHON.

LINE OF 1713.

The Return* of the Riding Commission of the continuation of the partition line, West of the Connecticut river: Viz:

We the Subscribers: hereunto being appointed Commisioner's by the respective Governments: That is to say, Samuel Partridge, John Pynchon, and William Dudley, Esq; on the part of the province of Massachusetts Bay: And William Pitkin, & William Whiting Esq, on the part of the Colony of Connecticut: for running, and stating the line, between the said Governments pursuant to an agreement, made the thirteenth of July, 1713, by commissioners appointed by said Governments, for that end. We met at Suffield, the twenty fifth of May 1714. From thence, we proceeded to the line, between the said Governments, which we brought up to Connecticut River, in October last; & found the said line, to run ninety Rods, to the northward, of the North East corner, of Suffield Bounds, at the River. From thence: we continued the line west, nine degrees north, three miles, & Sixty four Rods; at which place, the line intersected the north bounds of Suffield. From thence, continuing the line, until it intersected the East Bounds of Westfield: falling eight rods South, of a white Oak Tree, which is the corner, between Springfield, & Suffield being five miles from the great River. We continued the line, to the west bounds of Westfield; being four miles, & thirty eight rods, where we made a heap of stones, about a large stake, westward of a brushy Hill, and eastward of a small swamp, about ten feet south of a white Oak Tree. Upon the north side of said tree, we made those letters, $\frac{P}{M}$: on the south side CC: on the east side, SP: ǂP: WD: and on the west side, W^{D}: WW; from thence, we continued the line, about a mile & a half, to the begining of the mountain where we made a heap of stones, on the

* State Records, Deeds, Patents, etc., vol. III., p. 44.

top of a brushy Hill; about twelve rods, east of a little swamp; and from the first mentioned heap of stones, we run a line south, nearest twenty eight degrees west; two miles & an half, & about forty rods; where we made a heap of stones, round a white Oak, being the south west corner of Westfield; on the east side of a small run of water, & the west side of a little plain, & is four miles west by the needle, from the south east corner of said Town. From thence; we proceeded to the south Bounds of Symsbury; measured ten miles north, & find the bounds of that Town, do not exceed ten miles, from south to north. We made a large heap of stones, at the north east corner of said Town of Symsbury;* as formerly granted, and settled by the Colony of Connecticut. In which heap, there is one great stone, raised on End, & marked, M. on the north side, & C. on the south side thereof. From thence: we proceeded to the place, where the line run by Mess Partridge, Parsons, & Porter, intersects Symsbury, east bounds, & measured two hundred, & sixteen rods northward, in said bounds; and made a heap of stones, in a swamp, about a small Dogwood Tree, for the corner bounds, between Windsor, & Suffield, twelve, or fourteen feet northward of a Button wood tree; & then went to the top of the mountains, or Turkey Hills; there made a heap of stones in the north bounds of Simsbury, about a mile, and a half from their northeast corner. Then: went to the north end of Montgomery, or Manatuck; where we set a large stake, in a meadow, for the west, or northwest corner of Suffield; near a brook, in the line run for the south Bounds of Westfield; being two miles, & twelve rods, from the southeast corner of said Town. From thence: runs south by west, over said mountain, four hundred, & twelve rods, into the north bounds of Simsbury; where, we made a heap of stones, at the south end of said mountain, almost at the foot thereof; for a west, or southwest corner of Suffield. all which lines corners & boundaries are set fourth, & described in the plat made by us: Mr. Nathaniel Burnham, & Mr. John Chandler, surveyors on the other side thereof: We also find the land lying to the south of the line, between the two Governments, in the town of Springfield; to be two hundred, & eighty seven acres. And the whole Town of Suffield, as now bounded, is twenty two thousand, one hundred & seventy two acres; being eight hundred & sixty eight acres, less than their Grant of six miles square.—And in the Town of Westfield; Five thousand, five hundred, & forty nine acres. In the whole Twenty eight thousand & eight acres: For which so much is to be allowed by the province of the Massachusetts; to the colony of Connecticut.

NATHANEIL BURNHAM. WILLIAM PITKIN.
JOHN CHANDLER. WILLIAM WHITING.

Surveyors.

SAMUEL PARTRIDGE
JOHN PYNCHON
WILLIAM DUDLEY

June 15th, 1714 Read, approved, & ordered to be added to the former draught, & report. concurred by the Representatives. consented by J. Dudley.

A true copy, Attest.— JOHN AVERY *Sec'y*

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* Now the N. E. corner of E. Granby, and distant from the S. E. corner of Suffield by the Perambulation of 1734, 1¼ miles and 44 rods.—Vol. III., p. 68, Conn. Col. Boundaries.

BOUNDARY LINES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ADJUSTMENT OF LINES BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT.

To the Editor of the Courant:

The question is often asked, Why the unsightly notch in the state line at Suffield and Granby is found upon the map? And why a tract of more than two miles square, embracing a large part of the now popular "Southwick lakes," and apparently within Connecticut boundaries, should belong to Massachusetts?

The history of this boundary line extends through a period of nearly 170 years, ending with the adjustment of 1803. For many years after the settlement of the Connecticut valley, the boundary line between the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies was supposed to be several miles south from the present state line; and Westfield and Suffield both, incorporated and settled by the Massachusetts colony, were supposed to be within its borders, as well as Enfield and Woodstock, east of the river.

Soon after the settlement of Suffield (A. D. 1670), disputes arose about boundary lines between the border towns; and it was ascertained that the true colonial line, instead of being south of Suffield, was north of it. The history of negotiations between the colonies, and of the quarrels between the towns, for many years, would fill a volume. The materials for such a history are abundant in the printed and manuscript records of both colonies.

In 1713, a joint commission was appointed to adjust colonial and town lines. This adjustment, made without the consent of the inhabitants, asserted that all territory south of the true colony line, which had been settled by the Massachusetts government, should abide under its jurisdiction. Connecticut was to have other lands as an equivalent therefor. The commissioners reported that "south of the line between the two governments, in the town of Springfield (now Agawam), there was 287 acres; and in the whole town of Suffield 22,172 acres; and in the town of Westfield, 5,549 acres; in the whole west of the Connecticut river, 28,008 acres; for which so much is to be *allowed* by the province of the Massachusetts to the colony of Connecticut."

The allowance was an equal amount of wild land among the mountains in the eastern part of Hampshire county, mostly within the present towns of Pelham, Belchertown, and Ware. This land was sold by auction, at Hartford, in 1716, for the munificent sum of 2 cents 1¼ mills per acre; or the whole for the sum of 683 pounds, 500 of which was given to Yale college.

By this adjustment of the colony line, all of Westfield, all of Suffield, Enfield, and Woodstock were retained by Massachusetts. This was a matter of great grievance to the inhabitants of those towns from that time until they were permitted to enjoy the "Charter Rights" of the Connecticut colony, within whose boundaries they were.

They remained tributary to Massachusetts until 1749, when, upon their petition for the liberties and privileges of the Connecticut colony and charter, they were admitted thereto.

That part of Westfield south of the line had no inhabitants, and consequently remained under Massachusetts jurisdiction, no one dissenting. It extended south of the line more than two miles, and laterally to the width of the town, or about four miles, with the ponds dividing it near the middle, from north to south.

November 7th, 1770, Southwick was incorporated; and this tract was embraced within that township, entire, until 1803, when, by the adjustment of the present state line, that part of it, easterly from the "ponds," extending to the top of the mountain (Westfield's ancient east boundary), was restored to Connecticut. This embraced less than one-half the "Notch," and has since been a part of Suffield. It is understood that the inhabitants living easterly from the "ponds" desired to be annexed to Connecticut, for the greater convenience of transacting town business, etc., while those living westerly, for similar reasons, desired to remain under Massachusetts jurisdiction; and the wishes of both were respected. Whenever the west-side inhabitants desire to live under the flag of the state to which their territory geographically and properly belongs, they will probably be assisted and permitted to do so.

The tract, or "Notch," as it now remains, is situated in the southwest corner of Southwick, Mass., and contains nearly 3,000 acres, about 500 acres of it water, which composes, perhaps, five-sixths of the Southwick, or Congamond lakes, than which there are few finer in New England. It is bounded north on the true or Colony line of 1713–14, 2 miles and 10 rods; easterly on Suffield, beginning 99 rods below the South Pond, and by the east shore of the ponds, to the state line, and of course very irregular; south, partly on Suffield 185 rods and 11 links, and partly on Granby 697 rods and 11 links; west on Granby, 2¼ miles, 51 rods, and 9 links.

Westfield and Simsbury both were incorporated before Suffield, and were permitted to retain their original boundaries in the settlement of 1713, while Suffield was obliged to accept what remained between the two. This was a strip of land bounded west on Simsbury (now Granby), 412 rods in width at the west end, extending east to the top of the mountain 2 miles and 12 rods. This gave Suffield's western extremity a more attenuated appearance upon the map before 1803, than at present.

It may be of interest to some Suffield people to know that the true line between it and Agawam is 90 rods northerly from the present bound-stone at the river; thence it runs west, 9 degrees north, to the south bound-stone at Rising's Notch, which stone is 8 rods south from Suffield's ancient northwest, and Springfield's ancient southeast corner bound. As before stated, the ancient north boundary line of Suffield was retained, and Connecticut received compensation for 287 acres now in Agawam. The south bound-stone, at Rising's Notch, being in the true line, by the survey of 1713–14, was fixed upon as a place of departure westward, in establishing the state line in 1803. This may answer a question often asked, why there are two bound-stones, 8 rods apart, in the state line at Rising's Notch.

Most of the ancient towns in Connecticut have been carved up, to form ambitious new towns and boroughs; yet Suffield retains its ancient territory, as fixed by the first judicial settlement, and has been enlarged by the addition of about 2,500 acres, lying between the top of the mountain and the lakes, as before described.

H. S. SHELDON.

SUFFIELD, Feb., 1881.

TOWN RECORDS.

* A list of y^e^ Names of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, who according to y^e^ Provision made by y^e^ Country Law, have Priviledge and Liberty of Voteing in all Towne affaires:

Major John Pynchon:	Victory Sikes
Mr. John Younglove •	Tho: Cooper
Lieut. Antho: Austin •	Luke Hitchcock
Ensigne Geo: Norton •	John Barber Sen^r^
John Mighill Sen^r^	Obadia Miller.
Timoth^y^ Palmer ×	James King •
James Barker ×	Tho: Hanchet Sen^r^ •
Tho: Parsons ×	John Hanchet •
Judah Trumble ×	Tho Hucksley •
Joseph Trumble ×	Launcelot Granger •
Serj^t^ Sam^l^ Kent •	Serj^t^ Joseph Harmon •
Tho: Remington Sen^r^ ×	Hugh Roe •
John Burbank ×	Corporal Tho: Spencer •
Isack Cakebread ×	Corp: Zerubbabel Ffyler •
Edw^d^ Allyn Sen^r^ ×	Timothy Hale •
Serj^t^ John Pengilley ×	James Rising •
W^m^ Brookes	Tho: Copley •

Taken this 9^th^ of March 16$\frac{8}{9}$

A further continuation of y^e^ names of Such as are Voters in Suffeild.†

David Winchill	Abraham Dibble
Edmond Marshall	Jonathan Winchill
Timothy Eastman	

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* This List of the voters at the first Town Meeting is recorded in Maj. Pynchon's hand writing. The check marks indicate two Tickets for Selectmen, who where voted for by ballot. High St. vs. Feather St.

Those chosen having	16 votes.
Opposition	10 "
Absent, or not voting, ...	8 "
Total, ...	84

† This list is in another hand writing and recorded at a later date.

TOWN ACTS.

March the 9th, 16¾: At a *Generall Towne Meeting in Suffeild:* for y^e^ choice of needfull Officers: and to order matters of Generall concernment for y^e^ welfare of y^e^ place;

The Committee formerly impowered (& whose acts as they are recorded in y^e^ former p^t^ of this Booke, stand good, & vallid, by order of y^e^ Genr^ll^ Court) Being present (in order to their discharge, & so leaving the managing of all y^e^ affaires of y^e^ Towne, henceforward, to y^e^ Inhabitants hereoff, according to Law) Have now (according to order of y^e^ last Genr^ll^ Court, October 12th, 1681) at this Legall and full Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants; By their full and cleare vote, & free choise of those who by Law are to act, made a Hopefull & quiet settlement, as followeth.

By a full and cleare vote, it is agreed to have five Select Men yearely, to order y^e^ affaires of this Towneship, & that they shall be chosen by Papers.* All Persons that shall have liberty of Voteing, to write & give in y^e^ Names of those five p^r^sons they would have to be y^e^ Select Men, & those 5 that have y^e^ most votes, to be y^e^ Select Men for y^e^ yeare, being quallified as y^e^ Law req^m^.

Accordingly choise was made, and the Persons chosen who are y^e^ Select Men for the year ensueing, are:

Lieu^t^ Anthony Austin, Serj^t^ Sam^l^ Kent,
Tho^s^ Remington Sen^r^, John Barber Sen^r^,
& Joseph Harmon.

Who are to take care of all things for y^e^ welfare & good of y^e^ Towne, to manage & order all y^e^ prudentiall affaires thereoff, according to their best Discretion; and to act in all respects according to y^e^ Laws of this Collony for a yeare, till a new choise.

Lieu^t^ Anthony Austin is chosen clarke for y^e^ Towne, to write, and enter all Towne acts, to Record Grants for Lands &c: to keepe y^e^ Towne Booke faithfully, & enter all things of a Generall nature: who is yearly to be put to vote for continuance, as y^e^ Towne sees cause.

Serj^t^ John Pengilley & Thos Copley are chosen y^e^ Surveyours of all Highways belonging to Suffeild, for y^e^ yeare ensuing, to call & req^r^ the Inhabitants in proportion to worke thereat, for making, repairing and amending thereoft, as shall be needfull in their yeare.

†Sam^l^ Marshfeild of Springfeild (who being p^r^sent consented theretoe) is chosen measurer, for the Land to be laid out in Suffeild y^e^ yeare ensueing; and p^r^ticularly to yffect all of old w^ch^ he had taken in hand; and to state or settle such Highways as he is acquainted w^ch^, and what else of former Grants he can be procured to doe; as also any new to be measured, and for other new Grants, or what Sam^l^ Marshfeild cannot effect; Joseph Harmon is to doe, and is accordingly chosen to & for y^t^ worke.

Luke Hitchcock is chosen Sealer for Leather.

Agreed, & ordered: That y^e^ first Tuesday in March yearely, Be, the Generall Towne Meeting, for choise of Select Men, & all needful Towne Officers, from yeare to yeare, & that the present Constables shall continue till y^t^ day of new Choise.

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* Ballots. † See p. 24.

Agreed, & ordered that y^e^ selectmen doe choose one among themselves, & agree before hand who shall be Moderator at any Towne Meeting; w^ch^ man shall p^r^pound matters, and manage, or order speech, & silence, & carry on all y^e^ affaires of that Meeting.

Voted to Invite M^r^ Trowbridge for a Schoole Master to Teach Schoole in Suffeild, and to allow him by rate from y^e^ Inhabitants, Ten Pounds pr annum, for five yearse, and what y^e^ allowance for schollars according to Law shall amount to besides.

The Grants of Alotments, to Edward Griswold,* & Nathaniel Bancroft,* by y^e^ Comittee are continued to them; p^r^vided: they come to a resolution about their Settling thereon, by Michalstide next.†

Nov^r^ y^e^ 17^th^ 1682: At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffeild it was agreed, & Voted, to receive some more as Inhabitants into the Towne; & accordingly at the same time was Granted to:—

James Stevenson, 40. acres.
Thomas Smith, 40. acres.
Jn^o^ Hodge, 45. acres.
Lazarus Miller (next his fathers), 20. acres.
Jn^o^ Millington, 10. acres.

To M^r^ Younglove a parcel of Land lying by Muddy Brook, an acre or two, or thereabout, butting upon his owne Land for his benefit in running his fence strait.

To Serj^nt^ Kent, for his son Samuel; a home-lot, next his owne, on the west side of High Street; containing 12 Rod in breadth: provided he build upon it, and fence it by next March come twelve month.

To Samuel Lane, an addition of 8 Rods Wide to his home lot.

To Thomas Hucksley, for his son‡ a Lot of 12 Rod wide; on y^e^ West Side of High Street, adjoyning to Lot of Sam^ll^ Kent Jun^r^; provided he build upon it and fense it, by March come twelve month.

March y^e^ 6^th^ 16$\frac{8}{9}$. At a Generall Towne Meeting in Suffeild; for the choice of needfull officers, and to order matters of a generall concernment, for the welfare of the place; accordingly choice was made, & The persons chosen who are y^e^ Select Men for y^e^ ensueing yeare, are:

Serj^t^ Joseph Harmon
Serj^t^ Samuel Kent
John Barber Sen^r^
Serj^t^ Tho: Hucksley
Serj^t^ Jn^o^ Pengilly

Timothy Hale & Judah Trumble are chosen Constables for this ensuing year.

Anthony Austin chosen Recorder for this year.

Jonathan Winchill, Samuel Taylor, Goodman Allin Sen^r^, & Timothy Palmer, are chosen Suveyours of all Highwayes belonging to Suffeild, for the year ensuing.

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* Both of Windsor. Did not settle here.
† The Record of Maj. Pynchon's hand writing in the "Old Book" ends here.
‡ Thomas, Jr., was then 14 years old.

Good^m^ Granger, chosen Measurer of Land, to be Lay'd out in Suffeild for y^e^ year ensuing.

Jonathan Winchill, chosen Sealer of Leather for the year ensueing.

* It was agreed, & voted y^t^ the standing prizes of corn for this Towne as it shall pass from man to man, and for the defraying all publick charges, as Rates &c; shall be as followeth; Viz! Wheat at 4/^s^ per bushell; Ry at 3/^s^, pease at 3/^s^, Indian Corn, at 2^s^/6^d^ per bushell.

That all our highways within the precincts of this Towne might be thoroughly made, and repayred: and every man do his due proportion of that work; It was agreed, and Voted: that all the Highwayes belonging to the Towne: The Countrey Rode excepted: should be divided into four squaderns: and as equall a Division made as may be, both of the men, and wayes, according to the discretion of the Select Men, or such as shall be appointed for that service.

It was agreed and voted: That the South line, or Bounds of the Towne, should be run the 7^th^ of this Instant, March: from end to end, as far as our line goes, and the Land within the line, Layd out in second Division Lots for the Inhabitants; & the men chosen to do it are these:

Serj^t^ Joseph Harmon, Rob^t^ Old,
Jonathan Winchill, & John Hodge.

It was also Voted: that the bounds between Westfield, and us, should be run as soon as the season will conveniently permit; and that the Select Men shall appoint men to attend y^t^ service.

It was agreed, and voted, and ordered: that Towne-dwellers onely, shall have the priviledge of the Commons: but as for the Proprietors of Land in this Township yet: they shall have no priviledge at all of the Commons to dispose of, or carry away any timber from off the same.

It was agreed, and Voted: That there should be no more Land granted out to any stranger except such men appear as may be benefical to y^e^ Towne.

Granted to Rob^t^ Old, by a cleare vote, a parcell of Land† lying below y^e^ burying place, provided y^e^ s^d^ Old: lay downe as much of his great lot: as the Select Men who are appointed by the Towne, to take a view of this parcell of Land, shall judge meet: in Lieu of the same, & that such a part of Land be Layed downe, as may be benificial to the Towne.

Granted to Timothy Estman by a full & cleare vote: That his Lot should run out Eastward as far as Good^m^ Remington's Gapp, and from thence upon a strait line, over to the Highway, that leads to High street.

According to the vote of the Towne, Mch y^e^ 6^th^ 16‡‡ for running y^e^ South line or bounds of the Towne: the persons chosen attended y^t^ service y^e^ next day followng, w^ch^ was y^e^ 7^th^ of March 16‡‡: and this is the returne which they made.

‡ We run the South line, or bounds of the Towne, new marking of the trees, which were formerly marked; all along in the Range: till we came to the foot of the Mountains: where there is a great black oak, marked on all four sides, where the six miles ends: that was formerly run; and from thence we run a west line a mile and halfe: we marked severall Trees in y^e^ line; as we went—

* The towns fixed the prices at which grain should be received in payment of all private debts, town rates, ministers, and schoolmasters.

† This lot was bounded, east on the burial lot and of the same width, extending westerly far enough to contain four acres.

‡ See pp. 49, 59, 90, and 10.

the line run at the lower end of Pickerele cove, about Sixty Rods west upon y^e^ plains, where we marked a white oak on two sides, East and North with (J. I. L.) upon one of the spots, or markes. We marked also severall trees for alotm^ts^ within our bounds, for after Decisions. This is a true account of what we have done.*

The Select Men being mett together June y^e^ 7^th^ 1683 viz! Serj Sam^l^ Kent Serj Jos: Harmon, Serj Tho: Hucksley, Serj Jn^o^ Pengilley, John Barber Sen^r^ To consider of, and settle some highways: did y^e^ conclude, order, and determine that the Highway from Sprinkfeild bounds downe allong by Goodman Allins should run along where it now goes, slanting through Symon Gowins Lot to the top of the Hill: four Rods wide, and y^e^ all the †Land between it and the River downe along to Goodman Allin Sen^rs^ House: there to turne again by his barne, and so along as his fence now goes, four Rods wide; and so through Good^n^ Cakebread's Lott, to Joseph Estman's tree by his hovill, and so to a stake, & then to a stubb y^t^ they marked and to runne four rods from Isaac Cakebread's line out to the end of Joseph Eastman's Land, and then to turne up by Isaac Cakebread's Lot in y^t^ Lot y^t^ was formerly ‡Nicolas Rawlins: his lot: to run the whole length of that lot twelve Rod wide, and then to run up to the old road: and so to run along y^e^ old Rode foure rods wide till it comes to Sprinkfeild or High-street rode; allso there is a drifft-way left between Simon Gowin's Lot, and Good^n^ Allin Sen^r^ his Meddow Lot forever. Also the Highway from Gowin's Lot to Sprinkfeild Bounds is to be left twelve Rods wide.

March y^e^ 5^th^ 16$\frac{84}{5}$: At a Generall Towne Meeting for the choice of needfull officers to order matters of a generall concernment for y^e^ wellfare of y^e^ place; accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen, who are the Select Men for this persent yeare are— Dea Th^o^ Hanchett, Serj John Pengilly, Thomas Cooper, Edward Allin Sen^r^, Victory Sikes.

Constables, James Barker, & David Winchell.
Recorder,—Anthony Austin.
Land Measurer,—Lancelot Granger.
Sealer of Leather,—Samuel Lane.
Surveyors, Thomas Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Joseph Trumble. Joseph Eastman.

*The original grant of 1670 was six miles square. The act of 1674, establishing boundaries, extended the south line 7½ miles due west from the bounds at the Great River. The south line had been run six miles to the foot of the mountain, and bounds set in 1672. (See p. 59.) By this report of 1683, the former line was perambulated and extended 1½ miles further west. The precise location of this line and its terminus west of the mountain cannot be determined. At the River—it must have been near the present ferry—passing near East Granby Center, thence west to "Pickerele Cove," which was probably some point on Salmon Brook. "Kittle Brook," by act of the Conn. Court, in 1636, was the north bound of Windsor until 1671, when it was extended two miles further. This extension covered a portion of the Suffield grant. In 1710 the Conn. Court stated the north bound of Windsor "to be a line beginning at the mouth of Stony Brook, running west by the needle five miles, into the wilderness." This line was run and ditches made every eighty rods throughout the line.

†A portion of this land upon the river bank has been taken by individuals without right.

‡Of Newberry, Mass. From him "Rawlins Brook" derived its name. He bought land there, abandoned it in King Philips War, and never returned.

It was agreed, and voted: y^t^ Jonathan Winchill's small Lot on y^e^ west side of High Street should run back to Muddy Brooke its full breadth as it was first stated by y^e^ Committee, the *bridge being now removed higher w^ch^ occasioned y^e^ taking off a little corner at y^e^ foot of y^e^ bridge, for y^e^ accommodating of y^e^ same upon w^ch^ condition y^e^ said Winchell doth lay downe to y^e^ highway againe y^t^ halfe rod w^ch^ y^e^ committee tooke out of y^e^ highway & added to y^e^ side of his lot as a compensation for what they tooke from his lot at y^e^ foote of y^e^ bridge.

It was agreed, and by a full and cleare vote determined, & concluded y^t^ y^e^ old way or roade to and from Sprinkfield, through Highe street, should run where it alwaies hath, & now doth run, it being judged of all hands to be y^e^ most feezable & far less charge for y^e^ Towne to maintaine.

It was agreed, and voted y^t^ every man shall have a convenient way to his Land & y^t^ no after grant shall hinder any man of y^t^ priviledge.

By a full and clear vote Thomas Taylor was admitted as an Inhabitant into y^e^ Towne.

Agreed and voted to give Mr. †Tillton an invitation into Towne.

Agreed & Voted y^t^ Jn^o^ Barker sen^r^ should have y^e^ lot y^t^ was formerly granted to Luke Hitchcocke for his sonns.

At a Legall Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield August y^e^ 24^th^ 1683. It was y^e^ agreed & voted to receive Quinton Stockwell as an Inhabitant into the Towne, and accordingly was granted to him an alotment of forty acres for his settlement. This act through some neglect of y^e^ Select Men mist its entry in the due place, but yet is a true act of the Towne.

At a Legall Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield April y^e^ 10^th^ 1684. 1^st^. It was agreed, and Voted: for y^e^ future to make, and confirme those acts of the Committe, ‡Page the 8^d^, in refference to the manner of defraying the public charges, and time how long men shall settle upon their Land, before they shall have any powre to sell, allianate, or dispose thereof; and this act to continue, and stand in full force untill the Towne shall see cause to pass an act to the contrary.

2^d^. It was agreed, & voted to fence in y^e^ burying place this yeare; and that the charges about it shall be defrayed out of the "purchase money," §which is due to the Towne.

3^d^. It was agreed & voted that Good^m^ Roe, Serj^t^ Harmon & Jonathan Winchell should settle y^e^ bounds of y^e^ burying place, and allsoe the front range of y^e^ lots from David Winchils to y^e^ burying place.

4^thly^. It was agreed, & voted to admit Obadiah Miller an Inhabitant into the Towne and accordingly granted him the allot^mt^ which was Lazarus Millers provided: he pay his brother Lazarus what shall be judged meet for the labourc he hath expended upon it.

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* On the West Suffield road, over Muddy Brook.

† Hon. Peter Tilton settled in Hadley.

‡ Sections 4 and 9, pp. 54, 55.

§ This "purchase money," was due from settlers, for lands; the overplus after Maj. Pynchon had received his pay, went into the Town Treasury to pay Town charges. See p. 25.

5thly. It was agreed, & voted that Serjt Joseph Harmon, & Nathaniel his brother, should take in some Land, on the north side of their lot; for convenience of running their fence strait, provided: they lay downe as much Land on the east end of their lot, in liew of what they take up (on ye north side of their lot) & if there be enough there yt is at the east end, if not, yn on ye west end of their other lot, opposite against it.

6thly. It was agreed, & voted yt Serjt Joseph Harmon, & Jonathn Winchill, should be in a readyness to run ye Line betwixt Westfield, and us, upon warning given by Westfield; they being chosen by ye Towns for that service.

7thly. It was agreed, & voted to ratify to Goodm Copley ye sale of John Millingtons Land ys sd Copley defraying all debts and dues, due from the said Millington to the Towne.

8thly. It was agreed, & voted, that ye Select Men should settle a way of twenty rod wide between* Swampfield, & feather street lots, and that ye remainder of yt land which is not allready layed out shall be for a perpetual common never to be lotted out to any man.

9thly. The Towne taking into consideration ye troubles yt arise by reason of persons taking up Land without order from ye Select men; for ye prevention whereof for ye future; it is agreed, & voted, That no person whatsoever yt hath Land to take up, shall have any Land measured out to them, except they first get an order under the hands of ye Select men; to ye Measurer, signifying their approbation of it; & what Land shall be layed out contrary to this order, shall become void and of none effect.

According to ye act of ye Towne, page ye 85th; The Select men met together, April ye 14th '84, & settled ye highway from High street to Springfield bounds,† in manner as followeth: between Obadiah Millers home Lot, and Thomas Coopers home Lot, layed ye way 13 rod wide, and yn we came to 8 rod wide, and soe holding yt bredth all ye way through ye lot with trees marked facing to ye highway until we come at Towseleys tree, & yn we marked out ye west side of ye highway, as farr as James Stevenson's home-lot, which is to bear its bredth to Sprinkfield bounds, where it may be most convenient.

At a generall Towne meeting, March ye 3d 16$\frac{8}{4}$ for the choice of needfull officers to order matters of a Generall concernment, for the welfare of this place; accordingly, choice was made, and the persons chosen who are ye Select-men, constables, & other officers for this present yeare; are as followeth:

Select Men.
- Ensign Norton,
- Serj. Kent,
- Serj. Harmon,
- Thomas Remington,
- Abraham Dibble.

Constables.
- Hughe Roe,
- Timothy Palmer.

*A name given to the "little common" lying between Feather st. and the Great River.

† Runs north from High st. through the North School District.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin.

Measurer of Land—Thomas Stevens.

Sealer of Leather—Samuel Lane.

Highway Surveyors—Quinton Stockwell, Nathaniel Harmon, Timothy Eastman, Samuel Kent, Jnr.

* *Tything Men*—Corpl Spencer, Jno Hanchett, Tho Copley, James King, Timothy Eastman, Edmond Marshall.

Sizer, & Sealer for Weights & Measures—Victory Sikes.

† The Towne not being able to pay their money rate, did jointly agree, and by a clear vote engaged themselves to David Winchell, Constable, for his lenity stand, & fall with him, & bear yo damage yt shall accrue to him there by.

It was agreed, & voted to give to Richard Woollworth about a quarter of an acre of land for his convenience of building; in yo place where his house now stands.

Granted to David Froo, by a full & clear vote, seven rod wide out of that Highe-way which was left between James Taylor, and him; on that side next to his owne land, and to be accounted as a part of his forty acre allotment.

It was agreed, & voted that all Lands Granted to persons in this plantation shall be Recorded, and enrolled to them, and their heirs forever; yt is to say; such Lands as are yet to Record, & enroll, & for such as are already enrolled. The Towne doth hereby declare, that they are soe granted, & doe by this act ratifie, and confirme it to ym, & their heirs forever.

It was agreed, & voted: That if any able man, or men doe appear to erect, and set up a saw-mill, and grist-mill, upon Stony river, for sawing, & grinding, and to grind corn for the sixteenth part; & sell the Towne for their use, boards both pine, and oak at 8s. 6d per hundred; they soe doing; yn the Towne doth Grant to him, or them all their right in the streames of Stony Brook, and Muddy Brook, for yt use; and allso the liberty of yo commons for cutting of Loggs, but not at all to Damnifie yo ‡ Major; provided: he come up to the same tearms.

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*Tything Men were first chosen in Suffield in 1684. Their duties were various, and it was deemed a very important and responsible office. They were to "inspect all licensed houses of entertainment and to inform of all disorders, or misdemeanors committed in them, to present, and inform of all idle, & disorderly persons, prophane swearers, or cursers: sabbath breakers, and the like offenders." They were called informers; and were much reverenced by the law abiding, and much feared by the transgressor. Their insignia of office was "a black staff two feet long, tip't at one end, with brass about three inches; as a badge of their office, to be provided by the select men at the charge of the Town."

†The inhabitants petitioned the General Court for relief; being poor and importunate received the following answer:

In ansr to the petitions of Springfield & Suffield, being much of one tennor, the Court having read & considered the contents thereof doe judge that sundry expressions therein doe deserve sharp reproofe: neverthelesse; considering the difficulty of procuring money in those places, doe order that the inhabitants of the said townes of Springfield & Suffield, shall not be compelled to pay money, provided that, in liew of their proportions to money rates, they doe pay their rates in good merchantable corne, at one third part lesse price than is set in the country rate, and deliver the same to the Treasurer, at Boston at their owne charge; casualties of the seas excepted; and this order to continew untill the Gennerall Court take further order herein. Mass. Col. Rec., vol. 5, p. 483.

‡Major Pynchon, see page 62.

By a full, & cleare vote, Jonathan Winchill, David Winchill, & Joseph Harmon, were chosen to meet with y^e^ gentlemen of Westfield, y^e^ 16^th^ of this instant, March; to run y^e^ perambulation line.

At a Legall Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, Aprill y^e^ 6^th^, 1685.

1^st^. It was agreed, & voted that y^e^ contract between J^no^ Scott Sen^r^; & Obadiah Miller Sen^r^, about their exchange of Land; should stand good, & vallid.

2^nd^. By a full, & clear vote: Ensigne George Norton, & J^no^ Barber Sen^r^, were chosen to treat with y^e^ Major Pynchon in order to y^e^ procuring a * Deed of sale of y^e^ Towneship, y^t^ we purchased of him.

3^dly^. Granted; by a full & clear vote unto Serj. Samuel Kent, liberty to digg a †well, about a rod & a halfe, or two rod without his front fence, in y^e^ street, provided: he shall secure it at all times, from all damages, that may come thereby.

4^thly^. Lancelot Granger, by a full, & clear vote was chosen Measurer of Land, with Thomas Stevens, for this present yeare.

5^thly^. By a full & clear vote agreed to Give Serj. Thomas Hucksley, if he accepts of it (or to any other person if he refuse) for the digging of y^e^ Graves, these prizes following; viz,: four shillings for grave for all growne persons, y^t^ is from sixteen years old, & upward: & two shillings sixpence per grave for children, provided: he or they whoever undertakes it, shall dig all graves for growne persons five foot deep, & for children, four foot deep.

6^thly^. Agreed, & voted: to begin the Meeting on y^e^ Sabbath at nine of the clock in the morning, & at half an hour after one of y^e^ clock in the afternoone; & that the Townsemen shall upon y^e^ towns cost procure a ladder; allsoe a red flagg, to hang out for a signe; that persons may know the time for assembling together.

7^thly^. Agreed, & voted: to give leave, or liberty to y^e^ proprietors in feather street, and Highe Street, beginning at Goodman Dibbles lott, and soe upward, taking in Mr. J^no^ Pynchons lot, to fence it in as a common field if they se cause.

8^thly^. Agreed, and voted: to be at cost of buying a ‡new booke, for Recording of their Land over again.

At a legall Towne meeting, Dec. y^e^ 25^th^, 1685.

1^st^. Granted to David Winchill, three acres of Land, lying between M^r^. Younglove, & Good^m^ Lawtons Land, & his owne home lot.

2^nd^. Granted, to W^m^ Pritchard, four acres of Swamp Land, lying on y^e^ east of, and joyning to, his owne Land, which he hath taken up, by the side of y^e^ long hill, a little above y^e^ §Deep Brooke.

3^dly^. Granted, to Edward Smith ten acres of Land, adjoyning to his other twelve acres, which he hath taken up upon ‖Rattlesnake Brooke.

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* See p. 51 for Deed.

† This well situate in front of the Institute buildings still remains, but was covered a few years since.

‡ This was not done. § Deep Brook is above Lovejoy Ferry—empties into the Connecticut River.

‖ "Rattlesnake Brook," takes its rise in Rattlesnake Swamp, runs along the border of Rattlesnake Plain, and crosses the Rattly Road in West Suffield by the Steam Grist Mill, lately erected.

4thly. Granted, to John Hanchet, ten acres of Land adjoining to his own meddow, upon Stony Brooke, provided: he make a dam & flow it, & in case he alter his mind, and se not cause to flow it, then this Grant to be void, and y^e^ Land return to y^e^ Town again.

5thly. Granted, to Serj. Thomas Hucksley, ten acres of Land, adjoyning to his meddow, upon the same conditions that J^no^ Hanchets ten acres were granted to him.

6thly. Granted, to Thomas Granger, a parcell of Land, being a part of the lot granted to Lazarus Miller, & lying on y^e^ east side of the Highe-way, that leads to Sprinkfield.

7thly. Granted to Victory Sikes, liberty to lay downe twenty eight acres of land, which he hath already taken up, and to take it up again, either all, or part upon the little plain, on y^e^ west side of y^e^ *Saw-mill Brooke.

8thly. Agreed, and voted: that the purchase money should be pay'd, one quarter part of it this year, in current, Merchantable Corn, and soe yearly untill the whole be pay'd.

9thly. Agreed, & voted, that y^e^ Town charges this yeare, should be paid out of y^e^ purchase money.

10thly. Agreed, and voted: that those persons who formerly had a grant of ten acres of land apiece, upon y^e^ plain, upon y^e^ west side of Bushes Bridge, to improve for y^e^ space of ten yeares, and then to lay it down againe for common; shall now, if they see cause, take it up for Inheritance, and injoy it forever.

March y^e^ 23^d^, 16$\frac{8}{9}$.

The Select-men. viz. Ensigne George Norton, Abraham Dibble, Serj. Sam^l^ Kent, Tho. Remmington, Serj. Jo^e^ Harmon, being met together, took a view of y^e^ north line of the High-way; which line is the south bounds of Abraham Dibbles lot,† between High street, and the rear of feather Street Lots, a hundred rod from y^e^ Street, and we doe conclude, and agree, that the bounds which the Committee chosen by the County Co^rt^ have set, be the north bounds of the highway; and the south bounds of Abraham Dibbles Lot, a strait line, one hundred rod from the front, to a Wallnut tree, marked by the Committee.

At a meeting of y^e^ Select men, April y^e^ 6^th^ 1685, we Layed out the Highe way. on the South side of Thomas Copleys ‡Home Lot, & joyning to it, eight rods wide from y^e^ street, to Stoney Brooke, and soe Southward eight rod wide along by the Brooke, to Good^m^ Severans Home Lot, and soe to pass over the Brooke eight rods wide.§

At a Legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Southfield, Aprill y^e^ 5th, 1686: for y^e^ choise of needfull officers, to order matters of generall concernment for y^e^ welfare of this place; accordingly, choice was made & y^e^ men chosen for y^e^ ensuing yeare are as followeth.

Select Men—Abraham Dibble, Serj. Samu^l^ Kent, David Winchill, Serj. J^no^ Pengilly, Anthony Austin.

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* S. Branch of 8-mile Brook.

† Now W^m^. L. Loomis' Homestead.

‡ Now Martin J. Sheldon's Homestead.

§ Here was a ford a few rods south of the present bridge. In 1715 a bridge was completed there. Its cost was 11 pounds 10 shillings.

Constables—J^os^: Eastman, Jonath: Winchill.
Recorder—Anthony Austin.
Land Measurer—Launcelot Granger.
Leather Sealer—Sam^l^ Lane.
Sizer & Sealer of weights & measures—Victory Sikes.
Surveyors—J^os^ Harmon, J^no^ Hanchet, Judah Trumble, Timothy Eastman.
Fence Viewers—Tho: Copley, Tho: Hanchet, Ed: Allen, Sen^r^, Edward Smith, Sen^r^.
Tything Men—Sam^l^ Kent J^ur^, J^no^ Allen, W^m^ Pritchet, Nath^l^ Harmon, Sam^l^ Bush, Jno: Scott, Sen^r^.

At Legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants June y^e^ 18th, '86: It was agreed, & voted, y^t^ all necessary charges expended about y^e^ Widow Jeffries at present, untill we have opportunity to address ourselves to authority, for further advice about her; shall be defrayed out of y^e^ Town Stock. It was allsoe then agreed, & voted, y^t^ every proprietor that is now resident, & accounted as a Settled Inhabitant in this Towne; should have an addition of twenty acres of Land apiece, as *part of their Second Division*,* to be layed out in a common field, or common fields; as shall be judged meet, & least prejudiciall to y^e^ commons. There was alsoe for y^e^ stating, or setling of this Division according to this order, a Committee of eight men chosen, viz: Edmund Marshall, Judah Trumble, J^os^ Harmon, Corp^l^ Spencer, David Winchill, Launcelot Granger, J^no^ Pengilly, Jonathan Taylor, who are desired to take y^e^ first convenient season to officiate in, & perfect this Division according to order, we say y^e^ first convenient season; our meaning is, between this, and y^e^ last day of November next; that, soe men if they please, may have time before them to make improvement.

At a Legal Town meeting June y^e^ 20^th^, 1686: It was agreed, & voted: that if any person, or persons now Inhabitant in Suffeild, shall take y^e^ pains to range about y^e^ commons, & take a view of y^e^ damages sustained by Windsor, or other Strangers, in falling, and working up our Timber, & carrying it away; he, or they, for their pains in soe doing, shall have all y^e^ Timber they finde soe fallen, & wrought up within our bounds; to dispose of for their owne use, & benifit.

1^st^. At a legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants, December y^e^ 22^nd^ 1686. It was agreed & voted: to raise all rates (for y^e^ defraying of all publique charges), as formerly, according to mens Grants, & according to y^e^ act of y^e^ committee, entered in page y^e^ 3^d^, of this booke.

2^dly^ Agreed, & by a full & clear vote: made choice of Mr. Marshall, Serj. J^os^ Harmon, and Jonath: Winchill, to renew, or run y^e^ South line, or bounds of this plantation, from y^e^ Great River, to y^e^ utmost bounds thereof Westward, & they are desired, & doe promise to enter upon that service to morrow, which will be y^e^ 23^d^ of this Instant. †

3^dly^ It was agreed by a full, & clear vote; choice made of Mr. Marshall, David Winchill, & Jonath: Taylor, to be in readiness when Westfield shall call, to run, & settle y^e^ line ‡ betweene y^m^ & us; and alsoe to give y^m^ full power

* This plan of a 2d Division was not adopted.
† No report is recorded.
‡ The Westfield line was settled in 1708, see p.

in y^e behalfe of y^e Towne, to agree with Good^m Thomas, or Mr. Marshfield to go along with y^m, & to be helpfull to y^m in this business. It was allsoe agreed, that if either of these men should by Gods Providence, or some urgent business intervening; be incapacitated for this service; y^e y^e other two shall have full power to make choice of a third man to joyne with y^m.

4^thly. By a clear vote Good^m Sikes was chosen to read, & set y^e psame on y^e Sabbath day.*

5^thly. †By a clear vote, Serj^t Hucksly was chosen to keep a publique house for entertainment.

At a Generall meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Suffield; March y^e 1^st, 16[illegible], for the choice of needfull officers, to order matters of a general concernment for y^e welfare of this place, accordingly choice was made, and the men chosen for the ensuing year are as followeth.

Select Men—Edmond Marshall, John Mighel Sen^r, Serj^t Thomas Hucksley, David Winchill, Timothy Palmer.

Constables—Thomas Copley, William Pritchet.

Recorder—Anthony Austin.

Land Measurers—Lancelot Granger & Judah Trumble.

Sealer of leather—Samuel Lane.

Sizer & sealer of weights & Measures—Victory Sikes.

Surveyors (The old ones or the men chosen in '86) Jo^e Harmon, John Hanchet, Judah Trumble, Timothy Eastman.

1^st. It was agreed, & voted; y^t any person, or persons which have formerly obtained Grants of Land in this plantation; either from y^e committee, or Towne, shall see cause to throw up all, or a part of theire Grants soe obtained; for the prevention of trouble that may be occasioned thereby; he, or they, shall in some convenient season, before y^e rates be made for y^e yeare in which they resign it up, or return it to y^e Towne; come and declare their purpose, at a Legall Towne meeting; and in this way, and noe other; shall any mans resignation of Land be accounted Legall & authentic.

2^d. Agreed, & by a clear vote made choice of John Mighell Se^nr, & Jonath^n Winchill Sen^r, to treat with Collonell Pynchon, in y^t Towns behalf about y^e Mills.

3^d. It was agreed, and voted; to employ David Winchill, & Judah Trumble to goe upon Discovery of what meddow there is beyond the mountains, and to make a return to the Towne, of w^t number of acres they shall Judge there is; in order to an equall Division thereof among the proprietors.

4^th. By a full & clear vote; granted to Quintan Stockwell, three or four acres of Swamp Land, joyning to his meadow, for y^e conveniency of fencing it.

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* After the minister had read the psalm, or hymn (owing probably to the scarcity of books), it was custom for the Deacon, or the person appointed, to read the first line, and lead the singing, "*set y^e psam^e*," which would be read and sung line by line thoughout in this manner. The practice of lining the psalm was continued here until 1781.

† See p. 34.

HIGHWAY TO Y^E MEDDOWS.

Layed out y^e highe-way to y^e meddows 4 rod wide; beginning at Bushes Bridge,* and soe running westward on y^e south side of y^e pine plain field, untill it come to the west end of it, & then y^e way to goe upon y^e common, where it is most convenient. The proprietors of y^e field engaging to make, and maintain a sufficient Bridge, at all times, over the valley, or gully lying against Benjamin Dibbles lot; for the use of y^e Towne, and this during the time, or soe long as those proprietors shall hold, or make use of that field.

By, Thomas Hucksley,
David Winchill,
Timothy Palmer.
Select Men.

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† For the more regular, and orderly beginning of Town Meetings, at a Legall Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, it was agreed & voted that for the future; fifteen of the Inhabitants, with the Major part of the Select Men, who shall be accounted a part of that number; shall have full power, to begin, carry on, and manage the meeting, and all their acts to stand good and vallid, provided: that all acts past before the time of the day at which the meeting was warn'd to begin, shall be accounted illegall, and invallid.

At a Legall meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Suffield; Jan^a y^e 20^th^, 1687; it was agreed, and voted: to allow Colonel Pynchon the twelveth part of all grain for his tole, provided: his honor doe engage to errect, or build a substantial Grist-Mill for y^e use of y^e Towne, with a Sufficient house over it for the securing of mens corn; and to keep it in good repaire from time to time, except some Providence of God put in a barr for a season.

SUFFIELD, Jan. y^e 25^th^ 1687.

In answer to this vote of y^e Towne now sent mee, I intend by Gods assistance: to build a sufficient corn mill for y^e accommodation of y^e Towne, with a sufficient house &c. as above expres^t^. Those w^ch^ have engaged performing according to y^e list sent me of help in work, with others that have told me they will alsoe contribute, soe fully as not to be behind their neighbours; all w^ch^ I thankfully accept, and shall as speedily as I can agree w^th^ workmen, carry on, and indeavor to effect all for yo^r^ better, and more comfortable accommodation.

JOHN PYNCHON.

SECOND DIVISION.

At a Legall Towne meeting, March y^e 6^th^ 168¾: It was agreed and voted: that every present proprietor in this plantation, should have an addition of ten

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* Near the Homesteads of George Fuller, and Joseph Leonard.

† This order was repealed Jan^y^ 12, 168¾.

acres for twenty, and soe equivalent for greater Lots, as a *Second Division; if their pleasures be to take it up, and that the Wood, and Timber of this Second Division, shall be free for any of the Inhabitants, to make use of; untill such time as men shall fence it in.

Granted to Jonathan Winchill 4 acres of Land at the East end of his Meddow, and adjoyning to it.

Granted, to Thomas Copley: six or ten acres of Land, at the slowe commonly called the dirty †slowe, and Lying between his owne Land, and Zerubbabel ffylers.

‡ At a Generall Towne Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, May y^e^ 21^st^, 1688; For the choice of needfull officers to order matters of a General Concernment for the wellfare of this place; accordingly choice was made, and the men chosen for this Ensuing yeare, are as followeth :

Select Men.—Abraham Dybell, Serg^t^. Thomas Hucksley, J^no^ Mighell, Joseph Eastman, Samuel Lane, Timothy Palmer.

Constables.—Rob^t^ Old, Samuel Kent.

Commissioner.§—Anthony Austin.

Recorder.—Samuel Lane.

Measurers of Land.—Jacob Adams, David Winchill, Judah Trumble.

Sealer of Leather.—Jonathan Winchill.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Quintan Stockwell.

1st. At y^e^ same Town meeting, it was agreed, and voted: to choose six men yearly, for Selectmen, Townsmen, or Overseers.

2^dly^. It was agreed, and voted for to impower y^e^ Selectmen, Townsmen, or Overseers of the Towne for to lay out, and reserve for the encouragement of a minister, one hundred acres of Land in the Commons, where they shall judge it most convenient.

At a Legall Towne meeting, June y^e^ 28^th^, 1689: for the choice of necessary officers, for the ordering the prudentiall affaires of this place; accordingly, choice was made, and the persons chosen for this ensuing yeare, are as followeth :

Select Men.—David Winchill, Corp^l^ Tho. Spencer, Joseph Eastman, Anthony Austin, Quintan Stockwell, Judah Trumble.

Constables.—Serj^t^ J^no^ Pengilly, J^no^ Kent.

Recorder.—Anthony Austin.

Surveyors.—Thomas Copley, Jonath. Taylor, Edward Smith, W^m^ Prichet.

Land Measurers.—Jacob Adams, David Winchill.

Sealer Leather.—Jonath^n^ Winchill.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Quintan Stockwell.

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* This required about 3,129 acres, and was mostly laid out and recorded by David Winchell and his son Joseph. It was taken in small lots in all parts of the undivided common, East of the Mountain.

† South of Stony Brook, between South st. and Windsor Locks Roads.

‡ All town meetings except the annual for the election of Town Officers, were forbidden at this date, under the rule of Edmond Andross, to prevent the people from consulting measures to redress their wrongs. It will be seen that no others were held in Suffield until Andross was deposed. The first special meeting being that of April 18, 1690. See Trumbull's Hist. of Conn., Vol. 1.

§ The Commissioner acting with the Select Men, were the Town Assessors.

March y^e^ 4^th^, 16$\frac{89}{90}$: At a generall Town Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, for choice of necessary officers to order the prudentiall affairs of this place; accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen for this ensuing yeare, are as followeth.

Selectmen.—Anthony Austin, Ser^J^ Tho. Hucksley, Tho. Remmington, Edward Allen, Sen^r^, John Mighell, Sen^r^.

Recorder.—Anthony Austin.

Constables.—Jacob Adams, Nathaniel Harmon.

Surveyors.—Thos. Copley, Walter Halladay.

Land measurers.—David Winchill, Jacob Adams.

Sealer of Leather.—Jacob Adams.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures.—Victory Sikes.

Fence viewers.—Victory Sikes, Edward Smith, Joseph Harmon, Peter Roe.

Haward.—Robert Old, Sen^r^.

Jacob Adams proposes to the Towne for the exchange of y^t^ part of y^e^ lot y^t^ was Simon Gowins, which lyes between y^e^ rear, and y^e^ higheway.

At a legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield April y^e^ 18^th^ 1690: It was proposed th^t^, and by a clear vote carried, to petition to this Co^rt^ to be holden at Northampton y^e^ 28^d^ of this instant; against * Mr. John Youngloves preaching any longer amongst us.

Agreed, and voted: y^t^ y^e^ order of y^e^ Towne respecting hoggs going free in y^e^ commons, without yoakes, and rings; shall be, and is now repealed and y^e^ Lawes of y^e^ common-wealth to be executed.

April y^e^ 23^d^, 1690: There being great damage sustained within this Towne by swine; not only in cornfields, meadows, and pastures; but alsoe in the commons:—For the prevention whereof, it is therefore ordered: that after the publication hereof, that all swine going upon the commons, shall be sufficiently yoaked, and ring'd from the twentieth of March, to the twentieth of October; and for the prevention of Damage being done, by Swines rooting in meddows, and pastures, both before fences are made up, and fields enclosed: and after y^e^ fields are broken, it is ordered that all swine going at liberty shall be sufficiently ring'd the yeare round;—and if notwithstanding this order, any man shall presume to let his swine goe on the commons without yoakes, and rings; it shall be lawfull for any man to impound all such swine, provided: that no man shall impound them any where but in the common pound erected by y^e^ Towne for y^t^ end. And the owners of such swine shall upon demand or otherwise as they shall agree; pay to the person that impounds them 4^d^ per head for all such swine, as often as they are impounded, and in case of refusall, by Warrant from the Select-men to y^e^ Constable; all such forfeitures shall be taken by distress; and delivered to the person that impounded the Swine. And if any man taking Swine doing him damage in his Cornfields, meadows, pastures, being sufficiently yoakt and ring'd according to this order, and shall either by dogging y^m^, or any other cruell usage, maime, or kill their neighbors swine, they

* See pp. 16, 84.

shall not only loose all their owne damage; but pay double to the owner, for all such damage done them in their swine.

And further considering that this order being duly executed, though it may be a good expedient for the prevention of Damage done by Swine; yet without some further prudent care be taken, it is not likely, some man being soe exceeding remiss, and careless about their fences; that the end aimed at will be thereby attained. It is therefore ordered: that all cornfields, pastures, & inclosiers, shall be inclosed with a sufficient five raile fence, or that which is equivalent thereunto, and shall be soe judged by the fence viewers, and that all fences, where damage may be sustained in corn, or mowing ground, by cattels treading, or feeding, shall yearly be set up, and sufficiently repaired against y^e^ greater cattell by y^e^ 10^th^ of March; and against lesser cattell, and Swine by the tenth of Aprill; and that the fence viewers chosen by the Town for that Service, shall yearly; within two daies after the Severall times prefixt; (especially if complaint be made to them) take a view of the fences; and where they find any defective fence for y^e^ first time only; to give notice to the owner, or owners of such defective fence; setting y^m^ a time for the repairation thereof, signifying to them withall, that if it be not done within, or at y^e^ time set; they must expect y^e^ severity of y^e^ order following:

It is alsoe ordered that y^e^ fine to be layed upon y^e^ delinquent for deffective fence, shall be four pence per length, or six pence per rod, which after y^e^ first time y^e^ overseers shall exact of y^e^ delinquent, and keep a true account of; and once in y^e^ yeare return it to y^e^ Selectmen, y^e^ number of lengths, or rods together; with y^e^ names of ye delinquents, who shall issue their warrant to y^e^ Constable, to gather such fines; the one half whereof, shall be the fee of the fence viewers; y^e^ other half for y^e^ Townes use; and if after due notice given by y^e^ fence viewers, any man shall refuse, or neglect to repaire his fence: when y^e^ fence viewers shall themselves, or by hiring men, repaire such fence; and y^e^ owner of y^e^ fence, shall pay y^m^ double for their paines.

Whereas:* there has been great disorder in our Towne by reason of men's unseasonable comming to, or wholly absenting themselves from Towne meetings; whereby much precious time hath been spent unprofitably; many uncomfortable Debates have been occasioned; for the prevention whereof for the future; it is therefore ordered: that when any Towne Meeting is orderly warned, that is the persons spoke to, or order left at the house where they dwell, by the Select-Men, or any other man; That the Town shall hereafter appoint for that worke; or any neighbour which either he, or they shall desire to do that kindness for y^m^. If any person soe warned shall come unseasonably to, or wholly absent himselfe from such meetings; he shall pay for unseasonable appearance, Six pence; for being wholly absent, half a Crowne: except some extraordinary business, or eminent Providence put in a barr; and that it shall be allwaies in the power of the Select-Men, either to mittigate, or wholly to relinquishe this fine, if they shall see just ground soe to doe. And all such fines from time to time, and at all times, to be added to y^e^ delinquents Town rate in y^e^ yeare in which they commit their trespass.

It is ordered that where sundry persons shall agree to ly in a common field together, and cattel, or swine shall be taken doing damage in s^d^ field, by reason of deffective fence; the owner, or owners of such fence, being legally convicted thereof, shall pay all Damages.

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* Reaffirmed in a town meeting Dec. 16, 1700.

At a Legall Town meeting Decemᵇ. 1690 : Granted to Robᵗ. Old * a strip of land lying against yᵉ front of his owne land, beginning at yᵉ South east corner of yᵉ burying place, and soe running a slant, till it come to nothing ! at yᵉ South east corner of his front.

At a Legall Towne meeting Febyʳ. 12th '9⅔. It was agreed, and voted ; yᵗ the Severall Summes which were given, and annexed to men's names being deducted out of the bill of Towne Charges : that it shall be a finall issue of all debates about the ministers † house, and for the future, Lovingly, and Joyntly to carry on that worke ; and that all charges which is the Townes duty to defray, in, and about the same ; shall be defrayed by way of Rate upon the whole Towne ; all other votes to yᵉ Contrary Nȯtwithstanding.

It was agreed, and voted : to pay halfe of Mr. Phillips, his rate, this instant Feb.

It was allsoe agreed, to make a rate of £60 :—£30 for Mr. Emerson, ‡ £30 for Mʳˢ. Younglove ; and Levie it upon the whole Towne. Jacob Adams only Decents from the Towne acts ; Mr. Phillips, his rate only, excepted. *mem.* This vote to be tried once more by a more full assembly, for people's better satisfaction.

At a Legall Towne Meeting March yᵉ 3ᵈ 16⅔ for yᵉ choice of necessary officers to order yᵉ prudential affaires of this Towne, accordingly ; choice was made, and yᵉ persons chosen as followeth, viz. :

Selectmen—Serj. Joseph Harmon, Victory Sikes, Serj. David Winchill, Jonathⁿ Winchill, Jonathⁿ Taylor.

Recorder.—Anthony Austin.

Constables.—Peter Roe, Edward Smith.

Surveyors.—Tho: Copley. Walter Holladay.

Land measurers.—David Winchill, Jacob Adams.

Fence viewers.—Quintan Stockwell, Wᵐ Prichet, Tho: Granger, Samuel Kent.

Sealer of leather.—Jacob Adams.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures.—Victory Sikes.

1ˢᵗ. At this general Towne meeting, granted to James King liberty to improve an acre or two of the School Lot,§ during the Townes pleasure, or till the Towne shall have occasion to make use of it.

2ⁿᵈ. Victory Sikes at this generall meeting proposed to yᵉ Towne, for yᵉ remainder of Lazarus Millers Lot, for an allotment for Jonathan Bagg.

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* See his grant, p. 70.

† An effort had been made to build a dwelling house by subscription for the 2d minister when one should be obtained.

‡ Probably John, of Salem, and perhaps the first school master. See Savage Gen., Vol. ii.

§ The school lot, like the ministry land, was leased for a long term of years, and a sum of money paid, which was loaned by the town—taking notes and mortgages therefor. These were called the School Bonds, and the borrower paid interest, which was used for the support of schools until 1856. The School Lot is now occupied under the lease by Ebenezer Pease. See page 56.

1st. At a Legall meeting Aprill y^e 6th '91, it was agreed, and voted: to complaine to y^e Cort^s at Springfield; of Westfield incroaching upon us, and soe to have a triall for the setling of our Towne bounds, betwixt us, and them.

2nd. It was at this meeting agreed, and voted, to improve Joseph Eastman to goe up to Hadley, to interceed with the Worshipfull Mr. Tillton;* to manage a petition in the Townes behalfe at the General Cort^s; the Towne at present being low, and not soe capable of doing of it y^mselves.

1st. At a Legal Towne meeting Aprill y^e 17th. '91: It was then agreed, and voted to finishe the Clapboarding of the Ministers House,† to board and shingle the roofe, to digg and stone up the cellar; and to underpine the house this summer, in order whereunto; by a clear vote the Selectmen were Chosen, and impowered as a Committee, to manage this business, and to Carry on the worke according to the Towne Vote: either by imploying men by the day, or letting it out to workmen by the great, according as they shall judge it most convenient, and advantageous for the Towne; and likeliest for the more speedy accomplishing the intended designe. They are alsoe impowered if they shall se it convenient, and likely to be accomplished; to imploy, and agree with men for the making, and burning the bricks for the chimneys this summer.

2nd. At this meeting the act passed Feb. y^e 12th '90 for y^e making of a 60£ rate, 30£ for Mr. Emerson;‡ and 30£ for Mrs. Younglove; and to levy it on y^e whole Towne, which was entred in y^e other side of this leafe, page 95, with a memoranda in y^e margent, was ratifyed, and confirmed by a Cleare vote.

At a Legall Towne meeting Sept y^e 18th, 1691, It was then agreed, and voted; to renew our call, to Mr. George Phillips, § another yeare, upon further triall, and to give him fifty pounds for his salary, one quarter part in wheate; the rest in porke, pease, ry, Indian corn, and flax.

At a Legall Towne meeting December y^e 15th 1691: It was agreed, and voted: to imploy Mr. Phillips in y^e work of y^e ministry, for halfe a yeare longer.

At a general Towne meeting for the choice of officers, March the 1st 169½: to order the prudentiall affaires of this Towne; accordingly choice was made and the persons chosen are as followeth.

Select men.—Serj. Joseph Harmon, Serj. John Pengilly, Serj. David Winchill, Thomas Remmington, John Hanchet.

Constables.—Thomas Smith, Jno Mighell Senr.

Recorder.—Anthony Austin.

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* Hon. Peter Tilton was first at Windsor, Conn. Removed to Hadley, 1660, and held important Town and Colonial trusts. His daughter Mary, married Joseph Eastman of Suffield. See p. 102.

† The "Minister's House," begun in 1691, was finished in 1698.

‡ See preceding page.

§ He preached here about eighteen months, ending about July 1, 1692. He was settled soon after at Brookhaven, where he was minister forty-two years.

Land measurer.—David Winchill.
Sealer of leather.—Jacob Adams.
Surveyor.—Rob^{t} Old.
Sizer & sealer of weights & measures.—Victory Sikes.
Fence viewers—Nath^{l} Harmon, Timothy Palmer, Victory Sikes, Sam^{l} Kent.

At this meeting, Goodman Allin gave notice to y^{e} Towne, that he did resigne up 2 of the Lots which he hath hitherto payd rates for; unto their proper owners, & desires the Towne to take notice of it.

At a legall Town meeting May y^{e} 2^{d} 1692: 1st. It was agreed, and voted: for the future to raise all rates for the defraying of Towne charges, the one halfe upon first Grants, the other halfe upon heads and stock; and for this halfe rate for Mr. Phillips, which is now to be made; to rate stock, and heads at y^{e} Country prizes.

2^{d}. It was agreed, and voted: that all y^{e} Rateable Inhabitants of this Town shall faithfully give in a list of their stocks and heads by y^{e} 10th of this inst May: to some of y^{e} Select-men; and if any man shall willfully neglect to bring in a true List as aforesaid, by y^{e} time prefixt: he shall forfeit for such neglect, upon Conviction, twenty shillings for y^{e} use of the Towne; to be taken by distress, by warrant from y^{e} Select men.

3^{d}. It was agreed and voted: y^{t} Thomas Smith* should have full liberty to peele barke, on y^{e} Commons, for the use of his Trade.

At a Legall meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants of Suffield July y^{e} 8th 1692: It was agreed, and voted: to make our application to y^{e} Reverrend Mr Solomon Stoddard,† Mr Edward Taylor,‡ Mr Samuel Mather,§ & Mr Daniel Brewer;‖ Being destitute of a minister, for their advice, and Councill; who they shall judge may be a likely, and sutable person to dispence the word of God to us; and after our long, and bitterly to be lamented differences, to be a repairer, and healer of our breaches; and instrumental to unite us, and bring us againe into one: and in order thereunto have made Choice of Serj^{t} David Winchill to acquaint these Gentlemen with the Townes desire therein; which we desire to be done with all Speed; the business being of Great weight, and importance. And further the Towne doth promise by Gods assistance; to follow the advice of these Gen^{ll}men herein untill we are Supplied. They alsoe made Choice of Jonath: Taylor to be in readiness for to goe for the Gentleman, which these Gentlemen shall pitch, or agree upon.

At a Legall Towne meeting Octo^{b} y^{e} 7th '92: by a cleare vote; the Towne made choice of, and impowered thaire trusty freinds; Ensigne John Pengilly, and Serj David Winchill, to goe to the Bay ¶ for a minister, and to ask in y^{e} Townes behalfe for some easement of the Countrey rate.

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*Thomas Smith was a tanner. See p. 41.
†Of Northampton.
‡Of Westfield.
§Of Windsor.
‖Of Springfield.
¶Boston, in Massachusetts Bay.

At a Legall Towne Meeting ffeb y° 18th 169¾: it was agreed, and voted: to give y° Reverrend Mr Stephen Mix a call, to come and dispence the things of God amongst us, and to give him sixty pounds a year, and his fire-wood, for his salary.

HIGHWAY.

June y° 30th 1691.

We layed out a Towne high way,* on y° north side of James Taylors 10 acres, and the north side of David Froos home lot that he bought of James Stephenson, bounded by two black oaks, one of either side of the way, (near the road that leads to Springfield,) four rods wide, and soe going westward over a small brooke, where wee marked a swamp white oak, on the northward side of the higheway; and an Elmne, on the south, soe passing on west to a stake, and stone on the North; and a Stubed Bushe on y° south, near Froes house; still passing on westward, untill it meet with the new beaten road, that leads over Bushes Bridge; six rod wide, adjoining to the front of the ten acre Lots.

JONATHAN WINCHILL,
DAVID WINCHILL,
VICTORY SIKES,
JONATHAN TAYLOR,
JOSEPH HARMON.

Granted by the Committee to Timothy, and Joseph Eastman, 10 acres of meddow, five apiece, lying upon Stony Brooke; but by reason of an oversight, not being entred in its due time, and place; the Committee gave order to myselfe to enter it, which accordingly I have done, Sep^{t} 1690:

At a generall Towne Meeting Mar: y° 7th 169¾: for the choice of needfull officers, to order the prudential affaires for the welfare of this place; accordingly, choice was made, and the persons Chosen for this present yeare, are as followeth:

Select Men.—Cap^{t} George Norton, Corp^{l} Edward Allen, Corp^{l} Timothy Palmer, Corp^{l} Victory Sikes, William Pritchet.

Commissioner.—Ensign John Pengilly.

Towne Clarke.—Anthony Austin.

Constables.—James King, & Thomas Stevens.

Surveyors.—Jonath^{n} Taylor, Sam^{ll} Kent, David Winchill.

Tything Men.—John Hanchet, Thomas Copley, Thomas Remmington.

Fence viewers.—Serj Hacksley, J^{no} Kent, Edward Smith, Richard Austin.

Land measurer.—Jacob Adams.

Sealer Leather.—Jacob Adams.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures.—Victory Sikes.

At this generall meeting it was agreed and voted; to send Serj David Win chill, and Anthony Austin Jun^{r}, to accompany up Mr. Mix† from New Haven, to our Towne.

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*Now the north highway, leading westerly from Crooked Lane, by the dwelling house of Jonathan E. Sikes.

†Mr. Stephen Mix came to Suffield, remaining but a short time. He was settled at Wethersfield the next year, and continued there forty-four years, and until his death, Aug. 28, 1738. He was son of Thomas Mix of New Haven, and a graduate of Harvard College.

At a Legall Towne Meeting, March y^e^ 27^th^ 1693: it was agreed, and unanimously voted, to renew our Call, or invitation to Mr Stephen Mix for his continuance, or settlement amongst us, in the worke of the ministry; and for his encouragement thereunto, they have as unanimously agreed, and voted; to give him for inheritance, the house, together with the land it stands upon; which by grant is twenty acres; and to make up that twenty acres, eighty acres in out Land; as good, and as convenient, as they can. And for his salary, to give him sixty pound per Annum, and his fier wood. It was allsoe agreed, and voted; that besides what the Towne hath allready agreed to doe, toward the finishing of this house, as appears in page the 96 of this Booke; they will alsoe build the chimneys and fill the walls.

The Towne of Suffield; alltho they are not such a number of freeholders, and other persons qualified according to Charter, as that they are enjoined by Law, to send a Representative, to serve at the Generall Assembly;* yet having a liberty by Law, to send one if they saw good. They having a case of concernment to manage at said Assembly; judged it meet to send a †Representative for that Sessions; but he being now returned home again, the Towne being legally met together, July y^e^ 3^d^ 1693, and considering the state of the Towne, that they are poor, and not able to beare the charges of sending a Representative, and paying him for his time; have agreed to discharge, or free their Representative from that service, and to ly at the mercy of the honourable Assembly; hoping they will consider our poor, and low condition; and not take advantage against us, soe as to impose any fine upon us.

The Reverend Mr. Nathaniel Clap,‡ having according to his promise accomplished his visit, and given us some taste of his labours to the good liking, and great satisfaction of all, both old, and young; and now being upon a return,

Therefore, the Inhabitants of Suffield being legally met together, August y^e^ 21^st^, 1693, did unanimously, and with one consent agree, and vote, to manifest to the Reverend Mr. Nathaniel Clap their sincere, and hearty desire of his returne to them againe for continuance, and settlement amongst them; in the worke of the ministry; promising by God's assistance, to carry towards him, in all respects becoming christians; and to submit themselves to him as their Minister, according to the rules of y^e^ gospell. And for his encouragement thereunto; it was also agreed, and voted: to give him for his Salary at the present, sixty pounds per Annum, in provision pay; at y^e^ prise currant; and to finde him his fire wood yearly. And as it shall please God to increase our number, and bless us in our estates; to add thereunto. It was allsoe agreed, and voted; that if it should please God to incline the heart of Mr. Clap, to a

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* A Town having 30 qualified voters might send a representative, if it desired. A Town having 40 voters was required to send one, and pay him 3 shillings per day while upon the journey to and from Boston, and while in session.

† Capt. George Norton, who was the first Representative from Suffield.

‡ Mr. Clap preached here about 18 months. He then settled at Newport, R. I., 1695, remaining there during his lifetime. He was a man of great ability, and died unmarried in 1745, in the 78th year of his age. (Allen.)

complyance with their motion, and attendance on their call, soe as to returne, settle, and spend his dayes amongst them, in y^e^ worke of the ministry: then to give him for inheritance as followeth, viz: A Dwelling house with a porch; the House containing about forty and two foot in length; twenty foot in breadth, and fourteen foot between Joynts; and to clapboard, shingle, underpin, fill the walls, digg, and stone a cellar, under one roome of said house; and to build a stack of chimneys. This house, together with the lot it stands on, containing twenty acres more or less, eight whereof is within fence; about four acres broken up, and about two acres planted to an orchard, and to make up this twenty acres, one hundred, in as convenient a place as they can.

It was allsoe then agreed, and voted, to use their utmost endeavour, to procure a School-master, to teach children, and youth, to read, write, & cypher.

At a Legall Town Meeting, May y^e^ 17^th^, 1693:—By a full, and clear vote; Anthony Austin, John Pengilly, and David Winchill, were chosen as a Committee, for the procuring of a Minister, & to officiate therein untill a minister be procured upon the place; in order to a settlement, who are to act in this affaire, by advise of the Counsell Chosen by the Towne for y^t^ end, as appears by the Record,* page y^e^ 97: of this Booke.

2^nd^. It was agreed, and voted: to waite sometime longer, to see whether it may please the Lord yet to incline hist heart toward us.

3^d^. By a cleare vote, Jonathan Winchill, John Kent, & Quintan Stockwell, were Chosen as a Committee, to agree with, and imploy men to carry on the worke, until it be compleated; which the Towne hath engaged themselves in; about the Ministers house, as appears by Record‡ page y^e^ 96^th^ of this Booke.

4^th^. It was agreed, and voted; that the money which Mr. Mix returned to his brother Pantrys, for the Townes use, should be delivered by the Selectmen, to the committee, chosen to procure a Minister, and to be kept in their hands for Mr. Mix, if he returns to us again: if not, then to be layed out to defray the charges of procuring another Minister.

At a Legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, October y^e^ 5^th^ 1693: It was agreed, and voted; that as an addition to the former Towne order, in refference to the more orderly assembling of the Inhabitants at Towne meetings, as in page 95§ of this Booke: That, all such persons who are now resident in the Towne, and are allowed now by Law to vote in Towne affairs, being duly, and orderly warned to any Towne meeting, and shall either refuse, or neglect to attend such meetings, besides the fines already imposed upon such delinquents, as in page afore said; they shall loose their Votes, and that all acts past by such as shall orderly attend; shall stand good, and Vallid without any Violation, or Interruption by such Delinquents.

1^st^. At a Legall Towne meeting: Oct. y^e^ 20^th^, 1693: It was agreed, and voted: to make a second address to Mr Clap.

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* See p. 115.
† Rev^d^. Nathaniel Clap.
‡ See p. 114.
§ See p. 112.

2nd. It was agreed to finish the Ministers house; soe that it might be comfortable for a minister to live in, by this time twelve months.

3d. It was agreed, and voted: to give Mr. Clap for his Salary, Sixty pounds per annum in Money, Wheat, pork, pease, and Indian Corn; an equall proportion of each, or any grain as he Shall Stand in need of; and that if Mr. Clap shall please to accept of these propositions; that there shall be some man, or men chosen yearly to collect, or gather his Salary: so that he shall be at no trouble to get it in.

4thly. David Winchill, and John Hanchet, were chosen to make this Second address to Mr Clap.

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1. At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants December ye 1st '98, John Hanchet and Anthony Austin were chosen collectors for this year, to gather, and take care of Mr Claps Salary.

2. It was agreed, and voted; that for the raising the Ministers Rate, and Towne rate, at present, to lay one halfe upon Grants, the other halfe, one Quarter upon Heads, the other Quarter upon Stock.

3d. It was agreed to rate all creatures, from one yeare old, and upward.

4th. It was agreed, and voted; that flax, and all sorts of provision shall be accounted Towne pay.

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield; Jan ye 23d, 169¾: It was agreed, and voted; to set up a free School, for the education of children, and youth. It was further agreed, and voted, to give 30£ per annum, for the incouragement of a Schooll Master.

Allsoe, by a clear vote; Anthony Austin Senr was chosen to be Schooll master at present, and to allow him for his Salary as before exprest, in flax, and provision, according to the Towne order; and allsoe it was agreed, and voted, yt ye school * should be kept, in the most convenient place, in Highe Street.

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Feb ye 19th 169¾: It was then agreed, and voted, that there being severall persons holding land in this plantation, who are behinde of their Rates, both to the Ministrey & Towne, neglecting, or refuseing to pay ye same, that ye constables shall take the Land of these persons by distress for sd Rates, & deliver the same to ye Towne, who shall pay the Rates, and possess ye Land, except ye owners redeem it, by making payment both of the Rates, and charges contracted through their neglect, or refusall.

2. At the same meeting Robert Old by a cleare vote was chosen to goe downe to the Bay to Mannage our Business there, in refference to our † Rates, to get ym off if possible.

At a Generall Towne Meeting March ye 6th 169¾ for ye choise of needfull officers to order ye prudentiall affairs for the wellfare of this place: accordingly choise was made, & the persons chosen for this ensueing yeare are as followeth.

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* At this time no school house had been built. Schools were kept in private dwellings.

† Southfield's War Tax in 1694 was £24. 8s. Vol. 1, Province Laws, Page 179. The same year Southfield was taxed £12, to pay Colony debts. Idem. P. 187. Written "Southfield," in the "Laws," until 1702.

Select Men—Anthony Austin, Serj. Winchill, Ensigne Pengilly, Serj. Harmon, Thomas Remmington.

Towne Clarke—Anthony Austin.

Constable—Serj Hucksley.

Commissioner—John Hanchet.

Surveyors.—Jonath. Winchill, Benony Banes.

Fence Viewers.—Nathaniel Harmon, Jn° Remington, Sam¹ Granger, Anthony Austin.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures.—Victory Sikes.

Sealer of Leather.—Jacob Adams.

Tything Men.—Joseph Segars, Jonath. Tailor, Samuel Kent.

Measurer of Land.—Serj. Winchill.

At this gennerall Meeting it was agreed and voted: To choose but one constable for this yeare.

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Aprill y° 17th 1694: Robert Old by a full and cleare vote, was chosen to be the Towne's Agent to manage their case in refference to their Rates, at the Generall Assembly May the 30th next ensuing the Date hereof.

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* Pursuant unto the advice of the Reverend Elders: viz: M^r^ Edward Tailor, and M^r^ Samuel Mather, on a day of humiliation, March y° 20th 169¾ (to implore heavens direction, and guidance, in a weighty and momentous motion, in order to our embodying together in a Church way, and making some proposals to the Rev^d^ M^r^ Nathaniel Clap.) After evening prayer, it was again Notified to the Towne, what our serious thoughts had been, and what our intentions, and purposes were; might it please the Lord to make way for us, and their concurance therein with us desired, and accordingly by a clear, full, and unanimous vote, the Towne did mannefest their sinceere, and united desires, that soe good a worke might be promoted, and carryed on in the place, and that the Reverrend Mr Clap would be pleased to condescend to be our head and leader in this motion, and y^t^ this by the Townsmen should be signifyed to Mr Clap to be their sinceer and earnest desires.

At a Legall Meeting of y° Inhabitants of Suffield Jan y° 14th 169¾: By a full and clear vote, six men were chosen: Viz: Capt. Norton, Ensigne Pengilly, Corporall Sikes, Serj. Winchill, Jonathan Winchill, W^m^ Pritchett: to take into their hands the whole care of finishing the Ministers House, and to see y^t^ it be seasonably effected; The Towne engaging to pay y^m^ for all their cost and trouble, in and about y° same, which accordingly they accepted.

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* This record shows how closely ecclesiastical and Town affairs were blended. The first part recites the acts of persons who were organized, or embodied to transact ecclesiastical business, apart from that of the town. The last part contains the answer of the Town, concurring with those who were in a "church way." The subject of embodying a church is not afterward alluded to.

This concurrence was but a formality, enacted by the same persons who were "in a church way;" and who controlled both the secular and ecclesiastical concerns of the town.

At a Legall Towne Meeting Feby y^{e} 7th 169$\frac{4}{5}$: It was unanimously agreed and Voted; the first opportunity offering itself, to make our address to Mr Clap, signifying to him our unanimous and sinceere desire of his returne to us again, in order to his settlement amongst us in the work of the ministry.

At a Genneral Towne Meeting March y^{e} 5th 169$\frac{4}{5}$: for the choise of needfull Officers to order the prudentiall affaires for the wellfair of this place, accordingly choise was made, and the persons chosen for the ensueing year are as followeth.

Select Men.—Victory Sikes, Jonath: Tailor, James King, Th^{o}: Granger, and John Kent.

Constable.—Th^{o} Copley.

Towne Clarke.—Anthony Austin.

Land measurer.—David Winchill.

Sealer of Leather.—Jacob Adams.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures.—Victory Sikes.

Surveighors of highewayes.—Quintan Stockwell, Edward Smith, Rob^{t} Old.

Fence Viewers.—Joseph Segar, W^{m} Pritchet, George Granger, Jn^{o} Remmington.

Tithing Men.—Th^{o} Smith, Edw^{d} Allyn Sen^{r}.

Towne Treasu^{r}.—* Joseph Harmon.

At a Legall Towne Meeting March y^{e} 15th 169$\frac{4}{5}$: Agreed with Capt Norton, and Richard Austin, to make all the Windowes for the Ministers House, at eighteen Pence per Light, and the towne to pay them for the same, in provision, and flax, according to the towne order by way of rate the next winter, which worke they engage to doe, in a quarter of a years time after the date hereof: and if need require to finish one roome sooner. They doe engage that the windowes for it, shall be ready seasonably.

Agreed allsoe withe Good^{m} Sikes to lay all the floors, make all the doors, stairs, and partitions belonging to this house, in all respects compleat, and workmanlike; the towne finding all boards, nailes, and necessary Timber, and bringing them in place seasonably, and fit for service; and allsoe hookes, and hinges for the doors, and giving him sixteen pounds in pay, according to the towne order, (which is provision and flax,) by way of Rate the next Spring; then he doth engage to have all this worke, in all respects, compleatly finished by the last of March, Ninety Six; and one roome if need be, as soone as boards, and other materials are provided.

It was Allsoe agreed that the Selectmen should procure, and agree with a workeman to build y^{e} chymneys for this House. Jonath: Tailor engaged 1000 of boards, Corp^{l} Allyn engaged 500 of Boards, Ensigne Pengilly, & Joseph Harmon engages to procure all the nailes for the finishing of the ministers House.

It was agreed & voted, to have but foure tunnels in this stack of Chimneys.

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* He was the first Town Treasurer, and served until 1709.

THE TOWNE'S VOTE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF MR. BENJAMIN RUGGLES.

It having pleased God in his Providence to encline the heart of Mr. Benjamin Ruggles * to come and give us a visit: soe that we for some sabbaths past, have had a tast of his labours, and proof of his abilities, and accomplishment for the work of the ministrey; to the good likeing, satisfaction, and content of us his Auditours.

We therefore, the Inhabitants of Suffield, being legally warned, and orderly convened or assembled together, this first of August 1675 have joyntly and unanimously agreed, and by a full and clear vote manefested the same, to give Mr. Benjamin Ruggles a call to return, and dispence the things of god to us, and that in order to his continuance, and settlement amongst us, in due time, may it please the Lord to encline his heart to embrace the same. And for incouragement to his embracing of this our motion, and as a compensation at present for his labours amongst us in the worke of the ministrey, The Towne hath agreed as followeth, viz:

To give him for his Salary sixty pounds per Annum, one quarter part in Currant Silver money, the other three quarters in provision pay, all good and merchantable, and at price currant amongst us: and to finde him his fier-wood yearly, or otherwise if it seem good to Mr. Ruggles, and it be more pleasing, and satisfactory to him, to make his salary seventy pounds per Annum, and to pay it all in provision in manner as before exprest, and alsoe to finde his fier-wood yearly. Thus for the present, and as it shall please god to increase our Number, and Bless us in our Estates, and Mr. Ruggles, his need requires; to add to his Salary, Soe that he may not onely have a comfortable, but an honourable maintenance amongst us.

And if it shall please the Lord to encline the heart of Mr. Ruggles to a complyance with this our motion, Soe as to returne, Settle, and Spend his dayes amongst us in the worke of the ministrey: then to give him for inheritance, to him, and his heirs forever, as followeth, viz: That Dwelling-house allready errected for the encouragement of a minister, well finished, together with the Lot it stands upon, containing twenty acres, more or less: eight acres whereof is fenced in, about four broken up, and about two of it planted for an orchyard, † and to make up this twenty acres, one hundred acres in as convenient a place as we can.

At this Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield August the 1st, 1695: The Towne did againe renew, and confirm the vote, in refference to the setting up, and Maintaining of a Schooll for the education of children, and youth, which was past Jannuary y^e^ 23^d^, 169¾: as is entred in the hundredth page of

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* Benjamin Ruggles was a Harvard Graduate at the age of 17. He came to Suffield in the summer of 1695: at the age of 19. He probably preached here but little before 1697. He married in 1696: and remained here from some time in July 1697, until his death. He was settled here April 26, 1698: O. S. and died Sept 5th 1708, about 32 years of age.

† The apple orchard was a valuable acquisition to any farm house. The cider was boiled for molasses and the apples used for sauce, for puddings, for drying, etc. But little cider was made. There were then no cider mills, and to make cider, the apples were pounded in troughs. But little cider brandy was made in New England before 1750. (Judd's Hadley.)

this Booke: But not in the same way or method there prefixt: but in some other more equall, and Just way, as may hereafter be agreed on by the Inhabitants, and which may be more satisfactory to the whole.

The Inhabitants of Suffield being Leagally Convened August y^e^ 28^d^: 1695: It was then agreed, fully and clearly voted in answere to Mr. Ruggles* his propositions: to concur with him as to the digging of his sons well; and allsoe it was agreed to cut, make, and bring him home six load of hay, for the space of four years, in which time we hope he may be in a better Way to supply himself.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield December y^e^ 16^th^ 1695: It was agreed and voted, to put up a † Canopy, or Sounding board over the pulpit.

Secondly, the request of Ensigne Pengilly, and Corporall Allyn in refference to their wives being thick of hearing, was Granted: that is, that they should have liberty to make them a Seat before, or just under the pulpit, Somewhat higher than other seats, for the better accomodating of them to hear the word dispensed.

Thirdly. Goodman King was chosen Repairer.

At a Leagall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Jannuary y^e^ 27^th^ 16$\frac{9}{10}$: it was agreed and voted, to imploy Goodman Old in building the chimneys for the ministers house. And accordingly said Old did then promise, and covenant to, and with the Towne, to build a stack of chimneys in said house, with five tunnels; and to carry it up from the bottome of the cellar: which chimneys, he the said Old doth engage to build, according to his best art, and skill in all respects substantiall: compleat, and workman like, and to finishe the same by the middle of May next Ensuing the Date hereof. On the other part the Towne did then promise, and covenant to, and with said Old, seasonably to find, all materials for building said chimneys, as clay, stone, brick, lime, litter, mantle trees, and y^e^ like together with sufficient attendance whilst in, and about said worke. And as a compensation, or reward for his labour; to give him four acres and a halfe of upland, upon the edge of the plain, beyond Joshua Wells, and Benjamin Dibble their lots, where said Old shall appoint; provided he come not upon, or marr any former Grant of Land thereby. And allsoe to break up this Land for him, as soon as he, said Old shall have Stub'd, and clear'd y^e^ same, fit for the plow to goe.

At a General Towne meeting March y^e^ 8^d^ 16$\frac{9}{10}$ For the choice of needfull officers to order the prudentiall affaires for the welfare of this place; accordingly: choice was made, and the persons chosen for the ensuing year are as followeth:

Select Men—Anthony Austin S^mr^, Joseph Harmon, John Pengilly, David Winchill, Nathaniel Harmon.

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* Mr. John Ruggles conducted the negotiations for his son.

† This structure over the preacher and pulpit, projected several feet from the wall without any apparent support. The children gazed upon it with wonder, that the thing that resembled a huge coffee pot cover, should remain in mid-air; and trembled with fear, lest it should drop upon the uncovered head below. The canopy had a place in the Meeting House here until 1835, when noxious innovation removed the old church edifice, and with it, the canopy departed forever.

Recorder or Town Clerk—Anthony Austin Senior.
Constable—Quintan Stockwell.
Land Measurer—David Winchill.
Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.
Sizer, & Sealer for Weights & Measures—Victory Sikes.
Surveighors of wayes—Samuel Granger, Rob^{t} Old, Ed: Smith.
Fence Viewers—Joseph Segars, George Granger, William Pritchet, J^{no} Remmington.
Towne Treasurer—Joseph Harmon.
* *Tything Men*—Samuel Kent, John Kent.

At this General Towne meeting, it was agreed and voted; to give 20^{li} per annum, for the incouragement of a school-master; to be raised in manner as followeth, viz: 12^{li} pounds to be Levyed by way of Rate, upon the whole Towne; the other eight pounds, to make up this twelve pounds twenty, to raise it on the Schollars; from the age of six years, to the age of twelve years, and if any send children under six, or above twelve years of age; they are to pay by the weeke, as other Schollars doe; onely the people on the South side of Stoney River, their children are exempted from payment; because by reason of the length, and badness of the way; especially the River; it is not likely they should make that advantage of the School, which others may; but in case they doe send any; then to pay as others Schollers doe.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Jan. the 14th 169$\frac{4}{5}$; the towne made choice of Anthony Austin, J^{no} Pengilly, David Winchill, J^{no} Hanchet, and Jonathan Tailor: to compound, or agree with Goodman Old; what his compensation should be; for his two journeys downe to the Bay, about Towne business; which accordingly they did, the same day, and the returne which they made to the towne, is as followeth:

The agreement which we have made with Good^{m} Old in the Townes behalfe, and if the towne please to concur in it, and accept of it; is as followeth: The whole summs which Good^{m} Old demands for his owne time, and horse, together with money which he expended in the townes Service in his two journeys down to the Bay, † is thirteen pounds, nineteen shillings, and six pence; But we have thus agreed; that the towne allowing him seven pounds fifteen shillings in the towne Rate, and ten acres of land at the South end of the great Swamp, on the north end, and westerly side of the ‡Round hill; he therewithall rests satisfyed, as Just compensation for his time, and other expenses; and what money he hath allready received of the towne, is to be deducted out of this seven pounds fifteen shillings; and if any man shall see cause to pay his

* This vote being written in a loose paper and delivered to Good^{m} Old and he keeping it underhand it mist its being entered in just the proper place of it. Old Book, p. 104.

† The inhabitants were poor, and with difficulty paid the town rates. The mission of Robert Old was successful. In 1698, the accumulated Province taxes of "Southfield" amounting to £228. 4s. 9d. were "abated, remitted, and forgiven" by an act of the General Court. Prov. laws, Vol. I, p. 841, and Suff. Doc. Hist., pp. 115–117, 119, 120.

‡ This Hill was on disputed Territory, and situate in the N. E. corner of ancient Simsbury, now in East Granby.

proportion in money; he is to be allowed double in pay. This agreement was read severall times to the towne, and then put to vote; which past on the affirmative.

ANTHONY AUSTIN, *Clarke.*

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1. At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants March y^{e} 31st, 1696: It was agreed, and voted; to Levy a money rate; amounting to the summe of six pounds, and to assess the Inhabitants in Just proportion for the raising of the same. And this for the procuring of glass, and other necessaries for the finishing of the ministers house.

2. At this meeting: it was agreed, and voted, to separate all the Rames from the Ewes; and to keep them asunder, from y^{e} 15th of July; to y^{e} 15th of November: And that all present having Rames doe take notice of, and duely attend this order; that the end aimed at be not frustrated, but attained; and that upon such penalty, as the Select men shall hereafter order to be inflicted upon the delinquent.

3. At this meeting Rob^{t} Old Junr. proposed to the Towne for a home-lott, where he can find it not layd out, or really prejudiciall to other Lots.

4. At this meeting Corporall Edward Allyn publiquely declared; that all charges y^{t} should hereafter arise, as due to the Towne from Edward Allyn Jun^{r} his grant of Land, or allottment in this Towne; he should take care to defray it, and that the Towne should soe farr take notice of this Declaration, as to exact it of him; and free his son of any such burthen, or intanglement.

5. The Towne at theire Generall meeting, March the 3^{d}; having made choise of Anthony Austin Sen^{r}, to be their Schooll-master for this present yeare; and to allow him twenty pounds for his salary, and soe left it with him for sometime to consider of; and then to returne an answer to the Towne, which accordingly 3^{d} Austin at this meeting March y^{e} 31st 1696: in complyance with the Towne's desire; returned his answer to the towne, in manner, and form as followeth: Friends and Neighbours! although in my consideration of y^{e} late motion to me; I have found a great reluctancy, and aversation in my Spirit to take such an imploy upon me; there being so many things discouraging in the way, yet; by the earnest importunity of some friends, and the consideration of what good I might possibly doe, in such a way to children, and youth; hath moved me soe farr to a complyance; that if the Towne shall truely and faithfully performe their engagement in paying their twenty pounds; soe as that it may turn to advantage for the paying of my purchase; and set me free from paying anything to this School rate; upon those terms I doe accept, so farr as to make experiment for one yeare; or more properly for this ensuing year; and to begin my years service, the first of May next; which proposals the Towne accepted of, and engaged to performe.

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1. At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants, Jan: y^{e} 12th 169$\frac{4}{5}$: it was by a full and cleare vote concluded to alter the way of rating; in which we have lately gone, to raise our rates; and for the future to raise them according to the method of the Countrey and County; on polls, improved Land, and other rateable estate.

2. It was agreed, and voted; to vallue our improved land, one with another, good and bad; for the raising of our taxes; at five shillings per acre.

3. It was agreed, and voted: to build Mrs. Ruggles a pew at the South end of y^e^ pulpit.

4. By a clear vote, Goodman Adams, and Jn^o^ Kent, were chosen to take the List of mens Estates; and to bring y^m^ in to the Selectmen.

5. The young men being put by, their design of building a gallerie, in the place where they had designed to build it; they were by a full, and clear vote allowed to build it at the north end of the Meeting house, and upon their non-acceptance, or refusall soe to doe; any other were allowed the same liberty that would.

At a Gennerall Towne meeting March y^e^ 2^nd^, 169$\frac{4}{5}$, for the choice of needfull officers to order the prudentiall affaires for y^e^ welfare of this place; accordingly choice was made, & the persons chosen for this ensueing year as followeth:

Select Men.—Thomas Remmington, J^no^. Hanchet, Jonathan Taylor, Jonathan Winchill, Jacob Adams.

Towne Clark—Anthony Austin Sen^r^.

Constable—Victory Sikes.

Land Measurer—David Winchill.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

Clark of the Market—Victory Sikes.

Surveighors of Highwaeys—Walter Holladay, Serj. Tho. Huxley, James King Sen^r^.

Tything Men—Ensigne Pengilly, Tho. Copley Sen^r^.

Town Treasurer—Serj. Joseph Harmon.

Fence Viewers—J^no^. Remmington, Richard Austin, William Allin, George Norton.

Serj. David Winchill, J^no^. Kent, and Tho: Smith were chosen Assess^rs^ for this present yeare, and sworne to the faithfull discharge of their trust.

1^st^. Granted: to Jonathan Winchill Sen^r^, a lot of 12 rods wide, above Good^m^ Towseleys, on y^e^ East side of the highway, or above Good^m^ Stockwells on the West side of y^e^ highway, If there be any free in either of the places.

2^dly^. Granted to Serj. Joseph Harmon 8: or 10: acres of Land, lying part on the North Side, and part on y^e^ East end of his great Lot in Old street.

3^ly^. At this Gennerall Towne meeting March y^e^ 2^d^, 16$\frac{9}{5}$: It was agreed and voted to prohibit Collonel Pynchon, or any other of the owners of the *Saw-mill (now errected upon Stony river, or such as may be owners of any other Saw-mill y^t^ may hereafter be errected within this Township, or any other person, or persons whatsoever, that may cut, and cart timber to said mill, or mills,) from cutting any Timber upon any man's Grant, or propriety of Land, forever hereafter: and that upon the penalty in the Law, for felling, and carrying away of prohibited trees, or timber.

4^thly^. † It was agreed, and voted, to send forth Serj. Joseph Harmon, Nathaniel Harmon, Jonathan Wincheli Sen^r^, and Robert Old Sen^r^, with Collonel

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* The first saw-mill was on the present site of the Franklin paper mill. See p. 21.

† This summary order soon resulted in violence within the disputed tract. See vol. iv, Coun. Col. Rec., pp. 301, 491.

Pynchon's warrant to seiz and bring away any of our Windsor neighbors, which they shall finde within our Towne-bounds, carrying away timber, or preparing timber for carrying away.

5^{ly}. *It was agreed, and voted, that if any person shall finde swine doing Damage in any Cornfield, meddow, or inclosier, where the fences are substantially set up, according to the Towne order, and shall be so accounted in the judgement of the Fence viewers, after notice given thereof to the owners, all such swine shall be accounted unruly creatures, and shall immediately be yok'd and ring'd according to Law.

1st. At this Gennerall Meeting, Jonathan Winchill proposed for a home lot above Towscleys if it be there.

2nd. Serj. David Winchill propos'd for a lot for his son, above Towseleys, or Stockwels, if there be any free in either of them places.

James King Sen^{r} proposed for a lot for his son, in the same place, if it be there to be had.

George Granger propos'd for 10 acres of land.

Samuel Granger propos'd for a 40: acre allotment.

Goodman Burbanke propos'd for that lot which lies between the Lot which was Simon Gowins,† and the lot granted to Daniel Canada,‡ for his son Ebinezer.

At a Leagall meeting of the Inhabitants, March the 25th. 1697. It was then by a full, and clear vote, agreed to make a front fence upon the §ministry Lot, and as farr back Estward as they shall agree, a rear fence upon y^{e} Townes charge, for the enclosing of a pasture for the sole use, and benefit of Mr. Benjamin Ruggles! they soe doing, Mr. Benjamin Ruggles freeing the towne from all further, and future charge, and trouble, in fencing the same. Granted: to Jonath: Winchill a home lot for his son, above Towseleys, of twelve rod wide if it be there.

2^{dly}. Granted to Ebinezer Burbanke, the allotment lying between the Lot formerly granted to Symond Gowing, and the allotment granted to Daniel Canada.

3^{dly}. Granted to Geo: Granger an addition of ten acres of land, to make his forty acre allotment fifty. Corp^{l} Adams onely Decenting from this act, and desiring his decent to be entred.

4^{thly}. Goodman Old proposed for an allotment of 30: acres for his son Handford, out of the Lot formerly granted to Nath^{l} Cheny: ‖ 8 acres of it lying below Goodman Pierce, ¶ his Lot, for a house lot; the rest of the 30: acres off from his

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*At this date but little land was fenced. Enclosed lands were protected by the Province Laws, prescribing the manner in which the highways and commons might be used for pasturage. All swine were to be "yoaked from April 1st, to Oct. 15th, and to be kept ringed in the nose all the year." Province Laws, vol. I, p. 139.

† He died at Springfield, March 27, 1693. See p. 33.

‡ "James Canada, a stranger, was sick and died Sept. 12th, 1689." Springfield Records. See p. 32.

§ This was his 20 acre home lot. See pp. 87.

‖ Of Newberry, Mass.

¶ William Pearse (Pierce) married Esther, dau. of Thomas Spencer of Suffield. Children were: Thomas, b. Aug. 18, 1688; Elizabeth, b. May 10, 1693; William, b. May 10, 1696; Francis, b. March 4, 1699.

great Lot, Lying on the South Side of Stony River. Said Old engaging to pay all the arrears of rates, now due from said Land, upon the Townes Granting his desire.

THE VOTE FOR Mr. RUGGLES HIS SETTLEMENT.

May the 7th, 1697. The Inhabitants being Legally, and orderly Assembled together, they did then agree, and by a full, clear and unanimous vote, Declare: that upon what further proof, and experiment they had made, of Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, his Doctrine, and Conversation amongst ym; yt it was their mindes, againe to renew their *call given him the first of August, 1695; and entred in the 102: page of this Book, for his continuance amongst ym in the worke of the ministrey; in order to their calling him to, and his taking office upon him, might it please the Lord, in due time, to open a way for the bestowment of soe Choice, and Singular a blessing upon ym.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants Mar. ye 25th, 1697: Granted to David Winchill, and James King Senr, each of ym a homestead, or house lot for their sons, above Towseleys, or Stockwells of twelve rods wide apiece, if it be there to be had. This grant should have been entred in the preceeding folio, with ye rest of the grants, granted at that time, and all proposed for at the meeting before; but thro an oversight was slip't, or neglected.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants July ye 22d, 1697: It was agreed, and voted: to be at cost to send a man downe to the Bay, to accompany Mr. Ruggles up; and accordingly: Goodman Roe was chosen to attend that service.

2adly. At this meeting †Widow Norton proposed for a Lot for her son Samuel.

3dly. It was proposed for a Lot above Goodm Stockwell's for the encour agement of a Smith.

In the lifetime of ‡Serj. Thoe Spenser, the Towne upon his request, or proposal; Granted him an allotment of forty acres, for his son §Thomas; but through his neglect, it mist an orderly entry in the time of it; both of the Grant, and of the Laying out of the same; but it evidently appearing by testimony, circumstances, and especially his yearly paying of Rates for it; that the thing was reall. The Towne therefore being orderly warned, and convened, August the 10th, 1697: did then by a clear, and unanimous vote; ratify, and confirm said Grant unto the Widow, and the heirs to that estate, in the places where it is asserted it was Lay'd out to him. ‖

2adly. It was agreed to comply with the motion of our Westfield Neighbours; to leave the difference between ym and us, in refference to our dividing line, with ye Court to determine how farr it shall run Southward.

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*See p. 122.
†Widow of Capt. Geo. Norton.
‡The Hartford settler.
§The Suffield settler, and progenitor of all the Suffield Spencers.
‖See p. 40.

3dly. It was by a clear, and unanimous vote, Determined to imploy Jonath: Winchill Senr, and Corporall Adams, as their Agents, or Attourneys; to implead our Westfield Neighbors at said Court; to be holden ye last Tuseday of November next ensuing.

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*A VOTE FOR YE GETTING MR. RUGGLES HIS WOOD.

At a Leagall Towne meeting November ye 29th, 1697: It was agreed, and voted: that every man from sixteen years old, and above, doe spend one day for the getting Mr. Ruggles his wood, and every man to come according to his capacity: that is to say: every man that hath a team, to come with his teame; and they that have noe team, to come with their axes, and to attend the warning of the men chosen to oversee the worke; which are, Serj. Harmon, Serj. Winchill, Jonathan Taylor, John Remmington, and Jno Mighel Junr; who are chosen to oversee the worke, and to return to the †Townsemen, who are Delinquent; and the Townsemen are to put the men that don't work their day, their proportion, into the towne rate.

2dly. It was agreed, and voted: to pay those men yt have wrought about clearing ye Minister's medow, or swamp for medow; (before any act was past by the towne in wt way to do it) in equall proportion; according to wt they have done. It was allsoe left with ye townsmen; to determine ye wages of every man yt hath wrought at this worke; whether his time were spent in travell, or labour; that soe there may be noe wrong to any man, or just ground of cavill.

3dly. Agreed, and voted: to clear five acres for the minister in that swamp where they have begun; soe as it may be mowable, or capable of mowing; but it is not hereby to be understood, or to be expected yt we doe engage to take up every stump, or clear of every old tree; but the bulk, or body of ym; soe yt a sithe may comfortably pass; under the hand of a carefull workman.

4thly. It was agreed, and voted: to clear this meddow for the minister by daies work; and to allow men two shillings six pence per day; and that all things may be done orderly, and to the satisfaction of all; there is a Committee of four men chosen, to take the oversight of said work; yt every one goe their proportion of daies, and yt they goe seasonably to said work when warned thereto; and to give into the townsmen all such as are delinquent, either in unseasonable attendance, or not coming at all to it; that they may put their deffects into the Towne rate, for to help bear publique charges. The men chosen for this Committee, and have accepted thereof, are Jacob Adams, Sergt Winchill, Sergt Huxley, Jno Mighel senr.

5thly. At this meeting Goodm ‡Hamlin proposed to the towne for a grant of some land, what quantity the towne will be pleased to bestow on him.

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*It was a common practice throughout New England, to appoint a day to get the year's supply of wood for the Minister.

"Judd" says the minister furnished the flip, and other drink, but not the food. These were jovial occasions for men, young and old, here and in other Towns. Amherst, Northampton, and Wethersfield gave their ministers 80 loads of wood yearly. Suffield probably gave as much at this period, as it was cut in the common.

† Select Men.

‡ He lived here as early as 1700. Had seven children, three sons and four daughters. His wife Mary died Sept. 18, 1788. He died 1760, and the surname disappears from our record.

6^{thly}. Joseph Winchill propos'd to the towne, for six acres of swamp land, to make meddow, in some place where it is free from former engagements.

7^{thly}. Granted to *Samuel Granger a forty acre allotment.

At a Legall, and Genneral Towne meeting March the first 169¾, for the choise of needfull officers to order the prudentiall affaires of this Towne; accordingly choise was made and y^{e} persons chosen for the ensueing yeare, are as followeth:

Select Men—Thomas Remmington, Thomas Huxley Sen^{r}, J^{no} Mighell Sen^{r}, Thomas Copley, Joseph Harmon.

Recorder—Anthony Austin.

Constable—Jno. Remmington.

Town Treasu^{r}—Joseph Harmon.

Land Measu^{r}—David Winchill.

Tything Men—Ensigne J^{no} Pengilly, Nath^{l} Harmon.

Way Wardens—David Winchill, Tho: Granger.

Fence viewers—J^{no} Mighill Jun^{r}, Peter Roe, Tho: Huxley J^{nr}, Edward Smith.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Victory Sikes.

Granted to Joseph Winchill six acres of land.

MR. BENJAMIN RUGGLES'S SETTLEMENT.

At this genneral Towne meeting March y^{e} 1st, 169¾ the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Ruggles having drawn up in writing, some proposals or tearms to offer to the Towne in order to his settlement; and being by him read to the Towne, after some debate were Granted him by a clear vote; which proposals, or terms are these following.

1st. †That the towne finde me my fire wood dureing my life.

2^{ndly}. Y^{t} the house in which I now live, be given to me; and my heirs forever, as our proper right, and inheritance; upon my spending my daies amongst you; which house, is to be well finished by y^{e} Towne, at, or before y^{e} first day of September next ensueing, 1698.

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*Son of Lancelot Granger.

†Fire Wood was usually a part of the minister's settlement throughout New England.

The quantity is not stated. In 1706, 7, & 8, he had sixty cords a year. Mr. Devotion, his successor, had thirty cords a year. The Rev^{d} John Graham, in the West society had from thirty-six to forty cords yearly. Hatfield, Hadley, and some other towns gave fifty cords yearly.

It was burned four feet long in the spacious open fire-places, and only the best of oak, walnut, or maple was good enough for the minister. Wood was the only fuel used here for more than 170 years, and the quantity consumed was enormous. In 1789 the Town had 200 families, by a moderate estimate, using 6,000 cords yearly. In 1775 there were more than 800 families, and in 1850 about 600 families.

To this add the timber used for fencing, building, and shipping; and the little care taken to propagate forest trees, and it is no wonder, that the once most densely wooded town in the valley is nearly denuded.

Coal was seldom seen in the farm house here 25 years ago. Now its cheapness and convenience make it the principal fuel for all.

3^{dly}. *That* one hundred acres of land be given to me, and my heirs forever; upon the forementioned consideration, of my spending my daies amongst you: twenty acres upon which the house stands, being the *home lot of this grant: eight acres of which twenty, are to be fenced by y^{e} Towne front, and rear; and its proportion on the sides against my Neighbours, with a good fence against orderly creatures: and y^{e} other fourteen acres appertaining to this Grant be lay'd out to me this spring.

4^{thly}. That the Towne clear me five acres of meddow, well, and carefully; and fence it for me with such a fence, as will keep y^{e} grass from damage; and allsoe the Towne grant me liberty to take up other †five acres of Meddow; or y^{t} which may make meddow. And these five acres which y^{e} towne are to clear; are to be cleared by y^{e} first day of Aprill, Anno Dominy 1700. And till then, the Town to find me with Hay, according to their former agreement, six load each year.

5^{thly}. That the towne build me a barn; I finding nails, of these Demensions: thirty foot long; twenty foot wide; twelve foot stud; and soe proportionably; to finish it with great doors, and a good threshing floor; which barn is to be built, and finished at, on, or before the first day of May, Anno: Dom: 1699.

Six^{thly}. As for my sallary, this next year, beginning on the first day of June next, it is to be fifteen pounds in money; and forty five in provision pay; and as for y^{e} next three yeares after that; fourscore pounds per year; to be paid after this manner; fifteen pounds in money, and forty-five in provision pay; and the other twenty pounds, in worke at halfe a crown a day, six months in the year, viz: March, Aprill, May, September, October, November. At three shillings per day, for June, July, August, : and two shillings per day, for December, January, February; And then from y^{e} first of June 1702, it is as a stated sallary, to be eighty pounds yearly; pay^{d} after this manner: twenty pounds in money; and sixty pounds in provision pay: all good, and merchantable, and according to the current prises of provision pay, in the neighboring Townes in this County of Hampshire.

THOMAS REMMINGTON.
Attest— THOMAS COPLEY Sen^{r}.
JOSEPH HARMON.
Select Men.

At a legall Towne meeting March y^{e} 23^{d} 169¾: It was then unanimously agreed on, and voted according to y^{e} advice of the court‡ to invite the Reverend Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Brewer§ who were gentlemen nominated by the court; and to add to them the Reverend Mr. Mather; being allowed by the Court soe to doe, if we saw cause for it, to come upon the place in some convenient season, as the Towne shall after agree on, to advise the Reverend Mr. Ruggles & our selves respecting our present circumstances, in order to his settlement amongst us in the worke of the ministrey; according as the law directs. Accordingly it was after agreed, and voted; to invite these Gentlemen upon the place, on said account, the last Tuesday of Aprill next ensueing.

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*See p. 87.
† See Ministry Meadow, p. 19.
‡ See Ruggles monument proceedings, p. 47, for letter of advice.
§ Page 115.

At this meeting, it was agreed, and voted: to let out the *burying place to Goodman Old, his heirs and successors for his, or their sole use, and benefit; for the pasturing, and feeding of cattell, for the tearm of twenty years: upon the conditions following, viz: That said Old, his heirs and successors after him, from time to time, and at all times, duering said tearm, securing said burying place with a sufficient fence, from damage done by hoggs or other creatures.

2^{dly}. The Towne engaging to cutt downe the Bushes in said burying place; said Old doth alike engage to keep them down, as well as he can.

At a generall Town meeting March the 7th 169‡: for the choice of needfull officers to order the prudentiall affaires of this Towne; accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen for this ensuing year, are these following who are mentioned by their names.

Select Men—Ensign J^{no} Pengilly, Serj. David Winchill, Corp^{ll} Nathaniel Harmon, J^{no} Hanchet, Corp^{ll} Jonath^{n} Taylo^{r}.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Victory Sikes.

Recorder—Anthony Austin.

Constable—Joseph Winchill.

Tything Men—Tho: Remmington, Tho: Copley Sen^{r}.

Land measurer—Serj David Winchill.

Surveighors of Highwaies—Corp^{l} Jacob Adams, Benony Banes, Robert Old Sen^{r}, Anthony Austin Jun.

Fence Viewers—Serj. Joseph Harmon, Jonathan Winchill, Sen^{r}, Edward Smith, J^{no} Burbank Jun^{r},

Town Treasurer—Joseph Harmon.

At this gennerall Town meeting, it was agreed, and voted; to allow Goodman Roe, and such other persons as have land, or medow lying on the south side of Stony Brook, a sufficient open †highway, from the rode that goes over the brook by Goodman Copleys, alonge by the brook, and on the south side of it, untill they come to their own land.

2^{ndly}. Our Town seeing the inconveniency of holding our Aniversary, or Gennerall Town meeting, the day on which it was at first stated, by reason of the Court holden at Springfield being on said day: Have therefore now agreed, and by a clear vote determined to alter the same: And that for the future our Anniversary, or Generall Town meeting for the election, or choice of officers; be on the first Munday in March.

3^{dly}. It was agreed, and voted; to give to ‡Joseph Pomrey for Inheritance; fourty acres of land; but with this provisall, or on these conditions, that; he the said Pomrey settle, abide, and remain in the Town, for the space or full tearm of seven years. And during said tearm to follow his trade, for the ben-

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*Aprill y^{e} 16th, 1684: Laid out by order of y^{e} Towne (see p. 102) on y^{e} Meeting House Hill a burying place containing one acre and a halfe, the bounds whereof are as followeth viz: South and West bounded by Robt Olds Land: North by Serj. Thomas Huckaley, his son's Lot; y^{e} east end or front upon y^{e} street or common land. It is twenty rod in length, and twelve rod in bredth, and bounded at each corner with stake and stone. Old book, p. 69.

† This was never a Town Highway. This way was between the present railroad, and Stony Brook, southerly from the bridge at M. J. Sheldon's.

‡ See p. 81.

efit of the Town. May it please the lord to bless him with life, health, and strength soe to doe.

4^{thly}. Anthony Austin Jun^{r} being dissatisfyed with what the Townsemen formerly allowed him, for his journey to the Bay with Mr. Ruggles; the Town have therefore now agreed, and voted; to allow him fifteen shillings more.

5^{thly}. It was agreed, and voted; to put a stop to the giving forth any more Grants of Land, out of the commons; unto any person whatsoever, untill the Town se cause to revoke, or repeal the same. And that this nullity be not made at any Town meeting save onely at such a Town meeting as shall be legally warn^{d} by the constable, by order, under the hand of the Town Clerk, for that end: and notice given to the Inhabitants of their intention; that soe they may if they please, as one man, convene together on time, and at place appointed, there to give their sentements, and voices in said matter, or otherwise at our Anniversary, or gennerall Town meeting.

6^{thly}. John Rising proposing to the Town to allow a *high-way of two rods wide out of his home lot, from the street down to Stony Brook; provided: the Town would allow him a way of the same breadth, from the brook to the Country rode;† which proposall the town having considered; by a clear vote, Granted.

At a legall Town meeting, March, y^{e} 22^{d}, 169$\frac{8}{9}$, It was agreed, and voted to make choice of a committee of three men, to examine the old rates, and to bring in to the present Townse-men a true accomp^{t} how they finde things; that if money be wanting, and cannot be gotten in the Town, as the constables complain; y^{e} the present Townsemen to put it into y^{e} Town rate, y^{t} is yet to make for y^{e} year 1698. And the men chosen for that service are Anthony Austin Sen^{r}, Serj. Jos. Harmon, and Serj. Victory Sikes.

2ndly. ‡It was agreed and voted to leave with the Townsmen, the dividing of the wayes, and men in as equall a proportion as they can, for the satisfaction, and to the content; both of the Town and allsoe of y^{e} surveyo^{rs}, and to deliver to each surveyo^{r} in writing, their proportion of wayes; and number of men which they are to call out to the worke, that, soe they may apply themselves accordingly, at any time, when they shall see cause to call them forth to said worke.

3^{dly}. By a clear vote; there was granted to Goodman §Towseley, a way of three rods wide out of the school Lot, from the street up as farr as his house where it now stands; upon the same tearms, which Good^{m} King took it of the Towne; upon condition, or with this provisall, y^{t}, said Towseley make, and sufficiently maintain, from time to time; and at all times, against cattle, and swine, the one halfe of the fence against Good^{m} King, that may be occasioned thereby.

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* This is now the old Factory Road. It was laid out in Nov. 1699; renewed and defined in 1710. See old book Town Rec. pp. 152, 169.

† "Windsor Road," now "South Street," or "Christian Street."

‡ This plan of dividing the town into Highway Districts with a Surveyor for each district has been continued until within a short period. The highways are now placed in the sole charge of the selectmen, and the appointment of fourteen surveyors annually has ceased, and the subdivision of the town into fourteen highway districts has become a thing of the past.

§ His house lot adjoined the "School Lot" on the north of it.

MEETING HOUSE.

At a meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants, October y^e^ 4^th^, Annoq^t^ Dommi, 1699, it was y^e^ agreed and voted to errect, or build a *house for the worship of God amongst us.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted to build this house forty foot square.†

3^dly^. It was y^e^ agreed, & voted to raise said house; and to have it clapboarded, and shingled, by y^e^ last of October next ensuing y^e^ date hereof.

4^thly^. It was y^e^ agreed, and voted; to assess the Inhabitants to the value of sixty pounds; thirty in currant silver money of New England; and y^e^ other thirty pounds in Town pay; all to be raised and payd by y^e^ last of octob^r^ next ensuing the date hereof. Which money is by y^e^ Commttee, or overseers elected, or chosen by y^e^ Town; to inspect, and mannage this affaire carefully, and faithfully to be disburst towards the defraying of y^e^ charges in building said house.

5^thly^. It was y^e^ agreed that a committee, of five men should be chosen to mannage this business, in the towns behalfe; And accordingly it was y^e^ done, and y^e^ men chosen weer Anthony Austin Sen^r^, Serj. David Winchill, Corp^l^ Jonathan Taylor, Serj. Joseph Shelden, Corp^l^ Joseph Pumrey.

6^thly^. Itwas agreed, and voted that the Townes-men, at the Townes cost, should take care for the maintenance of Edward Burleson y^e^ Decripit youth; and allsoe for his cure, if it be attainable.

October y^e^ 19th, Annq Dommi, 1699. At a meeting of the inhabitants of Suffield, warn'd by the constable having received a warrant by order of the Selectmen, from under the hand of the Town Clerk for his soe doing, the Town having again reviewed; Seriously Weighed, and considered the acts, past at their meeting october y^e^ 4th, 1699: Did y^e^ by a full, and clear vote, ratifie, and confirm w^t^ they had y^e^ done, or w^t^ they y^e^ did in refference to y^e^ building a house for y^e^ worship of God amongst us; as allsoe the act of another Consern:

2^ndly^. At this meeting october y^e^ 19th, 1699, warn'd for y^e^ end, together with the other before mentioned; the Towne by a clear vote, or considerable majority, repealed that act past at o^r^ Anniversary, or Gennerall Town meeting entred in y^e^ 109 page of this book, in refference to their putting a stop to their Granting any more Land, or Allotm^ts^ out of the commons.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield; Dec y^e^ 18^th^, Annoq: Dommi: 1699. It was then agreed, and voted, by a full, and clear vote; to add to Mr. Benjamin Ruggles his rate the next year, that is, his rate for the year 1700; three pounds in the like specie, which the Town have engaged to pay his salary in; upon condition, that Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, he acquitt the Town from all further, or future trouble, or cost, in, and about finishing his house; that work onely excepted, which Serj Sikes is by the Town engaged to doe.

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*This is the first recorded vote of the Town, for building the Second meeting-house. See p. 80.

†The square form, with a turret in the centre of the four sided roof for a bell, was adopted in some of the older Towns. Whether this had a turret is unknown.

2ndly. It was y^a^ agreed, and voted, to address his *Excellency o^r^ Govern^r^ with a petition for o^r^ freedom from Countrey Rates whilst in building our meeting house; and allsoe to gather money, and be at the cost of it.

3^dly^. By a clear vote, there was y^a^ granted to Ensign Joseph Harmon; a Homestead, or house lot for his son Jn^o^. Harmon, containing eight or ten acres, or there-about, lying on the westardly end of his own, and his Brother Nath^l^, their Great Lots.

At our Anniversary or General Town meeting March y^e^ 4^th^, 1700; for the choice of needfull officers to order the prudentiall affaires of this Town: accordingly, choice was made, and the persons chosen for this ensueing year, are these hereafter mentioned by Name.

Select Men—Ensign Joseph Harmon, Serj Victory Sikes, Serj Joseph Sheldin, J^no^ Kent, Jacob Adams.

Constable—Anthony Austin J^r^.

Recorder or town Clerk—Anthony Austin Sen^r^.

Land measurer—David Winchill.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Victory Sikes.

Town Treasurer—Joseph Harmon.

Tything Men—Ebenezer Smith, Benony Banes.

Fence viewers—Samuel Kent, William Allyn, J^no^ Hanchet Timothy Palmer.

Surveyors—J^no^ Rising, Tho. Smith, J^no^ Austin, Benj. Allyn.

At this General Town meeting, Mar^ch^ y^e^ 4^th^ 1700: It was then agreed, and voted to give Mrs. Younglove that forty shillings which was due from her, to the Town; in that Town rate which is in Goodman Roe's hand.

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† Highway from High Street Westward.

Aprill y^e^ 16^th^, 1684.

Lay'd out a High-way from High street, norward of Quinton Stockwell's, about ten rod, to a black oak bushe, and from thence norward to Thomas Smith's Lot, and soe runing (takeing in the springs) to the north end of bushe hill, and then to run eight rod wide through all y^e^ Lots to Ffylers Brooke, & then to run four rod wide over the brooke. Stephen Taylor on y^e^ north, and Good^m^ Granger on y^e^ south, and y^e^ to run north east up y^e^ brooke, about twenty rod from y^e^ mouth of onion brooke, at y^e^ first turning noreast is marked a white oake, and soe thorow Stephen Taylor & John Taylor & Thomas Copley's Land, four rod wide, & a little elbow of James Barloe's Land, and soe turning out into y^e^ common.

Victory Sikes,
Tho: Cooper,
Tho: Hanchett.

Highway South Side of Stony River.

Novem. 1684.

Lay'd out a Higheway on y^e^ south side of stony river. We begun at a white oake stake, which is the norwest corner between Jn^o^ Mighell sen^r^ and Jn^o^ Huggin's,‡ and soe marked a range of trees on y^e^ east side of y^e^ Higheway

* William Stoughton. † See p. 76. ‡ P. 74, old Book.

to y^e^ Mill river, and soe doe determine and order all y^e^ tract of land, be it more or less, lying between this east range and y^e^ front of y^e^ west range of lots, to ly for a perpetuall Higheway or common onley, on y^e^ west side of y^e^ way, we run y^e^ range from a stake which is y^e^ corner stake, between Richard Woollery & Jn^o^ Huggins' to a white oake stubb, which we marked, about six foot off from the east end of Richard Woolleries house, from thence to a white oak, which we marked, soe to a black oak, mark'd, and soe to a chesnut tree, from thence to y^e^ corner stake between Jn^o^ Mighell & Jn^o^ Huggins', as afore said; and from thence the Higheway is to ly four rods wide between Edmond Marshall's Lot and y^e^ lots of Richard & Anthony Austin untill it come to the beating place, which is y^e^ south bound of y^e^ plantation.

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* HIGHWAY FROM THE SOUTH END OF HIGH STREET.

Nov. 8^th^, 1699.

Lay'd out a high-way granted by the Town upon the proposall or at the request of Jn^o^ Rising, made and prefer'd at our Anniversary Town meeting, March ye 7^th^, 16§, and entered on the 109^th^ page of this book, which way is at the south end of High street, and it is y^e^ same bredth with High street, where it joyns to it, & from thence it runs Tapering in Jn^o^ Rising, his lot, to a stake & stone standing on the north side of said high-way, where it is but two rods wide, turning from y^e^ south to y^e^ west, & soe running over Stony Brook, where it is bounded on the north side with stake and stone on each side of the Brook, & from thence it runs to a Wall-nut tree standing on y^e^ south side of it, which tree is the North bounds of a parcel of land Granted to M^r^ Goring for y^e^ benefit of his Trade, being a Tanner; & from this tree it runs on a strait line between said Goring's land & David Winchill, his second Division land, untill it comes to the south east corner of said Winchill's land, & the north corner of said Goring's proper lot, & at y^e^ south east corner of said Winchill's land it runs westward to the "countrey rode." The said high-way takes its bredth out of said Winchill's land from y^e^ brook to his south east corner.

DAVID WINCHILL, Meas^r^.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Legally, and orderly warn'd, May the 2^nd^, 1700, the Town by a full, and clear vote, did invest, and impower the present Select men, with the same power they invested the preceeding Townesmen withall, in refference to Edward Burlesson, the Decrepit youth; by an act past October the 4^th^, 1699; and entred in the 110 page of this Booke.

At this Legall meeting, May the 2^nd^, 1700, as above said, the Town by a clear vote, did agree to leave with the Select men, the whole care of Edward Burleson the Decrepit youth, to provide for his maintenance, and to treat and agree with a Doctour, in order to a cure for him if it may be obtained, and what the Select men shall doe in the premises, either as to his maintenance, the procurement of a cure for him; or any other necessary thing to be done for, or about said youth; the Town to strengthen the hands of

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* See p. 109, old Book, and Doc. Hist., p. 138.

the Select men, by contributing of such a measu^{r}, or part of their estates by way of rate, in equall proportion as shall by the Select men be judg'd necessary for the discharging of the same.

2^{dly}. It was agreed, and voted; to give ten pounds in *provision pay, for half a year, to any school master whome the Select men shall procure, to learn children and youth, to read, and write.

FOR RAISING THE MEETING HOUSE.

1st. At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, August the 26th, 1700: It was then agreed, and voted: to set the Meeting house on the top of the hill, against the burying place, where it is now layd out.

2^{dly}. It was agreed, and voted: that all the hands in the Town from sixteen years old, and upward; that are capable to work, should come to raise the first day; and in case any fail'd thereof, and did not come according to this order; not being any wayes disenabled by God's Providence; should pay half a crown for their delinquency, or neglect.

3^{dly}. It was agreed: that the Committee should take care to provide for the four men y^{t} come from the upper Towns, to help to raise the Meeting house.

4^{thly}. It was agreed, and voted; to allow halfe a crown per day, to soe many hands as y^{e} master-workman shall appoint, after y^{e} first day.

IRON WORKS.

At a legall Town meeting Novem, 1700. It was y^{e} agreed, and voted: or y^{e} Town, by a clear vote gave their approbation y^{t} the Iron-works should be set up in this Town.

2^{dly}. The charges the Town had y^{e} been at about y^{e} Meeting house, according to the account presented to y^{m} by the Committee, together with 20£ lay'd in bank, was by a clear vote of the town approv'd, and allow'd.

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Jan: y^{e} 28th, Anno-Domini, 1700: It was agreed, and voted: that all that †Tract of land on the south side of Stony Brook, lying between the high way, or road leading to, and from Windso^{r}, and y^{e} front of that tier, or range of lots, lying on y^{e} east side of say'd road; doe ly for a perpetuall common, never to be lay'd out to any man; but to abide, and remain as aforesaid for a common, from generation, to generation.

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*Colony prices, at which grain and other articles were received for Colony taxes, was called "country pay."

Town prices for the same, to pay town taxes and for exchanges, was called "town pay."

Grain and articles of food was "provision-pay." In 1810 veal was rejected as part of Mr. Devotion's "provision-pay."

Silver money was seldom seen, and only paid by stipulation.

† The road to Windsor Locks passes through this tract. It was divided in 1725, with other common lands amounting to about 2,100 acres. Prop. B., vol. ii, p. 7.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted; to leave with the Select-men of this present yeare, the care of laying out, and settleing a sufficient, and convenient highway to Mr. Ruggles, his land: and the rest of the lots adjoyning thereto, that lyes neer *Stony Brook falls: that is to say, either where y^e^ rode formerly was, or near thereto, in some place that may be as feazable, and convenient for the proprietors there, and as little damage to the other lots as possible may be.

At a legall Town meeting, December y^e^ 16^th^, 1700, first: it was y^e^ agreed, and voted, for the raising of rates; to defray the Townes charges for this present year, to estimate, on vallue the poles, at seven pounds per pole, or seven pounds estate.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted; to leave with the Select-men, and Committee, the management of what worke is yet to be done, in order to the finishing of the house of God allready errected: As the moddleing of the same, the letting out the work to workmen; and agreeing with them, both for price, and speciæ according to their best understanding, and skill; for the Townes benefit, and advantage.

3dly. It was then agreed, and voted; †that every Male in this Town, from sixteen years old, and upward; for the supplying of our Reverend Pastor with fier wood, for this present yeare; should carry him each man, a substantiall cart, or sled load of wood; and all to be done, and the complement to be compleated by the last of January next ensuing; and in case of failure the Delinquent, or Delinquents to be made Debtor, two shillings a piece in their Town rate; for the use of the Town to be recovered according to Law.

At our Anniversary, or Generall Town meeting, March the 3^d^, Annoq Domini, 170$\frac{0}{1}$, for the choice of need-full officers, to order the affairs of a gennerall concerniment for the wellfare of this place; accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen for the ensuing year are these, hereafter mentioned by name.

Select Men—Liou^t^ J^no^ Pengilly, Corp^l^ Jonath Taylor, Serg J^no^ Hanchet, Nathaniel Harmon, Ebenezer Smith.

Constable—James Lawton.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin, Sen^r^.

Town Treasurer—Joseph Harmon.

Land Measurer—David Winchill.

Tything Men—J^no^ Burbank, Sen^r^, and Samuel Kent.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights and Measures—Victory Sikes.

Fence Viewers—Corp^l^ Joseph Pumrey, Thomas Huxley, Ebenezer Burbank, Benjamin Allyn.

Surveyors—James King, Sen^r^., Jonath Winchill, J^no^ Burbank, Jun^r^., J^no^ Mighel Jun^r^.

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* These "Falls" are in West Suffield, South District, near Gad Sheldon's House. For Highway, see p. 189.

† See note, p. 129.

At this Generall meeting, agreed, and voted: to sell the old Meeting house, when the Town shall have no further occasion to make use of it, for the service of God: and to leave the sale thereof with the Townse men.

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At a Legall Towne meeting May y^e^ 23^d^ 1701: for the prevention of future trouble; and conserning y^e^ peace of y^e^ Town: it was by a considerable majority, agreed to settle the high way from High street, to feather street,* but nine rods wide throughout. Jn^o^ Kent, and Anthony Austin Ju^nr^ Decented from this vote; and desired their Decents to be entred.

† At y^e^ same meeting y^e^ Reverend Mr Benjamin Ruggles having made some proposition to y^e^ Town in refference to his acceptance of his swamp, and quitting y^e^ Town from any future trouble in, and about y^e^ same; as allsoe their freedom, from their obligation of getting hay for him for y^e^ future; onely y^e^ Town to pay, or gett y^e^ arrears of hay y^t^ is yet behinde for y^e^ years past. The propositions are these: the Town allowing him twenty dales work to be done, between y^e^ date hereof, and y last of August next ensuing y date hereof; and his liberty of y^e^ choice of his hands, he not taking any one man, but one day: And allsoe to give him all y^t^ stript of land lying between his own land, and y^e^ highway lately stated by y^e^ Select men to y^m^ lots y^t^ lyes upon Stony Brook, or near adjasent. The Town having considered the propositions, by a unanimous, and full vote granted Reverrend Mr. Ruggles, his request; and Mr Ruggles acquitted y^e^ Town.

At y^e^ same meeting Serj Hanchet, Serj Winchill, and Serjeant Shelden, were chosen to meet with Symsbury men y^e^ next Munday; and to demand of y^m^, a copy of their Grant, by virtue of which they run their line, and to warne y^m^ not to intrude upon us, telling y^m^ y^t^ it is our resolve to maintain our right according to our Grant, and to deface their bounds, if they set y^m^ up within our line.‡

Highways to and from the North End of Round Hill.

§We whose names are under written upon desire and compaint made for want of High-wayes being stated to mens Lots have this 16^th^ of Aprill, Annoq^nl^ Domnis, 1701, done & acted in that matter in manner and form as followeth: Soe we lay'd out and stated a high-way beginning at the corner of Jn^o^ Harmon's Ditch & round the corner of Jn^o^ Kent's stake, & to run westwardly to Walter Holladay his land, near where the old path goes, which way we stated 4 rods wide, and we marked trees on each side of y^e^ way with the letter H upon them, & at said Holladayes land we marked a tree on each side of y^e^ way, & run across a corner of said Holladayes Ditch, taking off

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*The Committee in 1673 ordered this road to be laid 16 or 20 rods wide. See pp. 63, 71, 106, 140.

† See p. 131.

‡Some account of the boundary war may be found in Conn. Col. Rec., vol. iv, pp. 448–91, 528; and vol. v, p. 58.

§This is the first highway laid through Sheldon street, to Round Hill; thence south, west and north from the north end of Round Hill. Like all the first highways laid, old paths or trails were followed.

some few rods of his Ditch & land, & it is stated to ly there for ever unless said Holladay will on his own charge provide y^e^ Town a good, feazably high way to joyn on the southerly side of his, y^e^ said Holladayes own land, & soe running between y^e^ marked trees to y^e^ north end of the round hill near where the old road goes, & soe to run a southerly line on y^e^ east side of y^e^ round hill down to Stony Brook falls, and there we marked trees on both sides of the high-way. And turning to the west we run back west to Samuel Gillett's Meadow, and then we begun, where we brought the way to the round hill, & we y^e^ run a high-way rounding northerly to Robert Old, his land, and then we begun again at y^e^ way as it goes over Rattle-snake Brook, and soe run southerly at y^e^ west of Good^m^ Stockwell's land, & lay'd y^e^ way 4 rods wide from y^e^ corner of Good^m^ Stockwell's Ditch, & there we set stake and stone, & then we lay'd y^e^ way from thence on y^e^ hill to y^e^ high-way y^t^ we lay'd to the end of round hill upon y^e^ hill, next to the great swamp we layed this high-way.

Selectmen, JN^o^ PENGILLY, JONATHAN TAYLOR, JN^o^ HANCHET, NATHANAEL HARMON.

At y^e^ same time, Aprill 16^th^, 1701, wee layed out from Jn^o^ Kent's, 2^nd^ Division land that is the northwest corner of it, a High-way of 4 rods wide, running southerly, or rather southwestwardly, to the northwest corner of Robert Old, his 4 acres & a half, y^t^ lies across y^e^ old hampton road, and from thence to Joseph Harmon's northwest corner, and from thence about three or four score rods, marking several trees, and young staddles as farr as against the northerly end of Nathaniel Harmon's first grant land, and y^m^ lay'd out a high-way two rods wide to y^e^ end of Nathaniel Harmon's lot, and from Robert Old's norwest corner, a high-way two rods wide to y^e^ end of Joseph Harmon's lot.

Selectmen, JN^o^ PENGILLY, JONATH TAYLOR, JN^o^ HANCHET, NATH. HARMON.

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* HIGHWAY TO FEATHER STREET.

In the year 1701, lay'd out y^e^ highway leading to and from Feather street, which where it comes into high street, in the front or next the street, it lyeth on y^e^ south side of Joseph Pumry's allotment, formerly lay'd out to Abram Dibble, and it is in the front from said Pumry's fence to Richard Austin's fence, about nine or ten rods wide. At or about y^e^ hundred rod we marked a small black oak on y^e^ northerly side of the way, and on y^e^ south side of y^e^ way a maple tree. And at y^e^ rear of Pumry's lot, or near about y^e^ rear, we marked a great White oak, with stake and stone by it, and on y^e^ south side of y^e^ there the bounder is stake and stone. And from this great white oak at y^e^ rear of Pumry's lot, or near about y^e^ rear, it turns away, taking off a part of Pumry's fence, untill it meet with y^e^ highway that comes from Feather Street, along by Benony Banes, his homestead or lot, with severall trees marked on both sides of the way.

JOHN PENGILLY, JN^o^ HANCHET, JONATH TAYLOR, EBENEZER SMITH, NATHAN^l^ HARMON, } Selectmen.

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* See pp. 63, 71, 106, 189.

*HIGHWAY FROM HIGH STREET, WEST TO OLD STREET, THEN NORTHERLY.

In the year 1701, we lay'd out y^e^ highway that goes out westward by Jonath^n^ Winchell's, over Muddy Brook. It is from y^e^ brook between y^e^ allotment granted to Mr. Jn^o^ Younglove, and Nathaniel Harmon's allotment, until it comes to Old street, eight rod wide, and in Old street it is ten rod wide, running northerly at y^e^ west end of this allotment of Mr. John Younglove's to the north west corner, and from thence three rods wide, going southward of a little piece of boggs, near where it now goeth, soe over y^e^ hill down over the brook; onely on the east it is severall rods wider, and across y^e^ meadow—it is but two rods wide; we say Laid out by us, who are y^e^ subscribers to y^e^ above written, or preceding High way.

FOR SEATING THE MEETING HOUSE.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Jan y^e^ 20^th^, 170¼: appointed by authority, and duly and orderly warn^e^d according to law; to consider of what hath been allready acted and done by y^e^ Committee chosen by y^e^ Town, to seat y^e^ house of God newly errected, in said Town; and to correct such palpable errours as may appear, which have occasioned discontent, or dissatisfaction to sundry persons, and to endeavour, an orderly, quiet, and peaceable settlement of the same. The Town being convened together; it was first proposed to them, whether they would have all that had been allready done in that affair thrown up; and to begin anew, or to let the foundation allready lay'd stand, and onely to correct some errours, or mistakes therein. After some Debate of things, it was agreed, and by a clear, and full vote determined, not to throw up all that was done; but to build upon y^e^ same foundation, and only to correct some errours in the same.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and by a clear vote determined to chuse and to improve three, and onely three men to act in, & mannage this affaire.

3^dly^. By a full, and clear vote the Worshipfull Colonel, Jn^o^ Pynchon, Esq^r^, Serj Jacob Adams, and Corporal Jonathan Taylor, were chosen for this servise.

4^thly^. It was agreed, and voted; that the rules, and method, the persons chosen are to act by; shall be as followeth, Viz: Estate, age, office, place, or improvement that hath allready, or may probably be made, of persons in publique affaires. Whereas, in this fourth vote, which is the rule given for the seaters to act by; estate is the first thing mentioned; our meaning is, or it is to be understood, all such estate as any man hath, or may disburce, either in his present, or in the preceding, or foregoing rate, for the defraying the charges in building this house.

5^thly^. That what shall be acted, and done in this affair, by these three men, thus chosen Viz: The Worshipfull, Colonell Jn^o^ Pynchon esq^r^, Jacob Adams, and Jonathan Taylor: and according to the rules prescribed, as near as they can; the Town shall sit down quietly, and contentedly, every man taking his place assigned to him, without any future disturbance, or mannifestation of dislike. This fifth particular, after reading to y^e^ Town, was by a unanimous vote consented to, and confirmed.

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* See p. 71.

6thly. It was agreed, & voted: to estimate, or account y^e four flanker seats equivalent to, or equal with the second seats in the body of seats. The hindermost flanker seats equall with the sixth seats in the body.

7thly. *It was by a clear vote determined that, this work of seating the Meeting house should be done this week, before the Worshipfull Colonell goes home; and that it shall be in the seaters liberty, if they please; to have a fourthnights time, after this week, to regulate any errours that may appear to themselves, in their first stating of things.

At this same meeting, it was agreed on, and by a clęar vote determined, to allow Mr. Luke Hitchcock, Sheriff: for his service done for the Town at the Generall Assembly, four pounds in pay: forty shillings this present year, and forty shillings the next ensuing year. It was agreed, and voted to give Thomas Stevens his Town, and School rate assessed upon him y^t year Goodman Stockwell was Constable; and to refund, and pay it back to s^d Constable again.

At our Anniversary, or Gennerall Town meeting; March y^e 2^nd 170½: for the choice of needfull officers, to order the affairs of a gennerall concernment, for the wellfare of this place: Accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen for the ensuing year are these, who are mentioned by Name.

Select Men—Lieut Joseph Harmon, Jonathan Winchill, Serj Victory Sikes, Peter Roe, John Kent.

Constable—Serj Adams.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin Sen^r.

Town Treasurer—Lieut Joseph Harmon.

Land Measurer—Ensign David Winchill.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Serj Victory Sikes.

Surveyors—Thomas Granger, William Allyn, Edward Smith, George Norton.

Fence viewers—Serj Joseph Shelden, Jn^o Huxley, Nath^l Austin, Timothy Palmer.

Tything Men—Thomas Copley Sen^r, John Austin.

Scooll House.

At this Gennerall Town meeting, it was agreed, and by a clear vote concluded; to errect, and finish a schoolhouse 20 foot in length, 16 foot in breadth, and 6 foot stud; and to make it warm, and comfortable; fitt for to keep schooll in;† by the last of October next ensuing the date hereof; and to set it up in some convenient place near the Meeting house.

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*This settlement of seating the House lasted nine years.

†This was the first school-house. Its precise site is unknown. Tradition locates it on the common, a little south of the present Town Hall. It was built in 1704, and stood until 1733 where the second one, 24 feet long, 18 feet wide, and 9 feet between joints, was built (probably on the same site), by Josiah Sheldon, "for £40 and the old school-house." The third school-house was built in 1750, in the west precinct, on "Ireland Plain," west of the meeting-house, and burying-ground.

At a legall Town Meeting, March y^e^ 16, 1702: It was y^t^ agreed, and voted: to give Anthony Austin Sen^r^, twenty four pounds, in provision pay, for his, the said Austins keeping School one year.

2^ndly^. By a clear vote Serj Tho Huxley, Serj Jn^o^ Hanchet, and James King Sen^r^, were chosen Committee to take care of, and to manage the whole business, of errecting, and finishing y^e^ School house according to y^e^ Town vote.

3^dly^. By a clear vote: Ens. Winchill, Serj Shelden, Corp^l^ Taylor, and Anthony Austin Jun^r^, were chosen to measu^r^ Westfield line, from their north bounds to their south bounds; to see whether they have not their *nine mile before they come to y^e^ place which they now claim.

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, the twenty third day of July, Annoq^e^ Domi, 1702: It was first agreed, and voted; to abide, or be at the cost of standing a tryall, or suit at Law with our Westfield neighbours, in refference to the line betwixt us, and them, or the †land, and †meddow which they now lay claim unto.

2^ndly^. In order thereunto; Ensign Joseph Shelden, Serj^t^ Jn^o^ Hanchet, and J^no^ Kent clerk, by a clear vote were chosen Pleny Potentiaries, for the management of this matter with Westfield Town, or in other words, to the better understanding of all; these three men before mentioned, were by the Town invested with full, and the sole power, of acting, and doing in this matter; Engaging that what those three men shall act, and doe in the premises, shall stand good, and valid; as tho the Town had been present, & themselves actors in it. Jacob Adams Sen^r^ only, desired his Decent from this act of the Town, to be entred.

At a legall Town meeting Decem y^e^ 28, 1702: It was agreed, and voted; to Allow Josiah Hale, for his journey down to y^e^ bay for Mr. Ruggles, twelve shillings in cash.

2^ndly^. By a full, and clear vote; Serj. Hanchet, and Jonathan Remmington were chosen, to inspect, or surveigh mens loads of wood, which they bring to Mr. Ruggles, and to pass their judgement on them, whether they be worth two shillings per load or not; and none to pass for loads, but such as these men chosen by the Towne shall judge to be worth it.

3^dly^. It was agreed, and voted that after the constable hath given warning three times, in generall; to persons to bring their proportions of wood; and if any person shall neglect, after the time appointed, at the third time of warning; to bring his proportion of wood, that then the Constable shall have power, to fetch by distress from such delinquent, or delinquents any thing which he can finde of theirs; which will procure the getting of the wood by some other hands.

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*Westfield, by its grant extended nine miles south from Northampton's south line. For dividing line see page 147.

†West of the mountain.

At our Anniversary, or General Town meeting, March the 1st, 1702–3: for the choice of needfull officers, to order the affairs of a General concernment, for the welfare of this place: Accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen for the ensuing year, are these who are mentioned by name.

Select Men—Nathanael Harmon, John Hanchet, Thomas Copley, Joseph Shelden, Thomas Huxley.

Constable—Jonath Remmington.

Clerk—Anthony Austin.

Town Treasurer—Joseph Harmon.

Land Measurer—David Winchill.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Victory Sikes.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

Surveyors—Jn° Remmington, James Younglove, Ebenezer Burbanke, Nathaniel Austin.

Fence viewers—Anthony Austin Jun, Joseph Winchill, Benony Banes, Jn° Burbanke Jun^r.

Tything Men—Ichabod Smith, Jn° Burbanke Jun.

At this General meeting, it was agreed, and voted; to exchange some land with Samuel Younglove, out of his home lot, on the west side of Muddy brook, to the contain of an acre and ¼, or two acres if need be, to accommodate Old Street highway for the making it more feazable; in liew whereof, or as a compensation for the same, the Town hath granted him a strip, or gusset of land; lying between the s^d Youngloves Second Division land, and Mr Ruggles, his land; to bring the front of their land to the highway. The westward part of this land, bounds upon Mr Ruggles his land.

2^nd^ly. Granted to Judah Trumble, that highway that lyes between David Froes lot, and the lot that was granted to James Taylor.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted; to ring all swine that goe at liberty, or upon the common.

4^thly^. It was agreed, and voted; to run or renew the South line of our Town this instant, March; from the Great River, seven mile and a half west, to the end of our south line, granted; and confirmed, by our honoured General Court; and to treat with our Simsbury Neighbours. And the persons chosen for this service, are Lieut Jos. Harmon, Ens: Jos. Shelden, Serj Jacob Adams, and Edmond Marshall; who are speedily to make report to y° Town of w^t^ they doe herein.

HIGHWAY IN OLD STREET ALTERED, AND HIGHWAY LAID WESTWARD.

March y° 16^th^ 1702–3; The Selectmen viz: Ensign Joseph Shelden, Serj^t^ Jn° Hanchett, Corp^l^ Nathaniel Harmon, met together and layd out the addition taken out of Samuel Younglove's lot unto the highway leading to the Bridge commonly called Norton's Bridge or Highway called Old Street highway; according to the Town Act March y° first 1702–3 for the accommodating Old Street way and making it more feazable, entred in page the 114^th^ of this Booke in manner as followeth: We began at the South west corner of Samuel Younglove's lot where we tooke off from said lot 12 Rods broad and soe ran from thence, northerly 28 Rods by decrease or tapering untill we came to a point or

nothing at Old Street, marking three or four young trees in the range between said Younglove and the way, and soe we past on towards the Norwest Corner of said lot where we begun again with a point, and so run along by increase 25 Rod in length, gaining in upon said lot untill it came to be six rods wide at y^e^ end or Norwest Corner thereof, where we marked a White Oak Tree between said Younglove's Lot and the highway: Wee allso at the same time layed out a way from Old Street of 8 Rods Wide running from Old Street westward, along by the South side of Robert Old's Lot, and to the end of it, and then we turned a little Norward, and layed the way 30 or 40 Rods wide there, and soe ran along by the Harmon's land unto the end of Jn^o^ Harmon's Lot, running tapering as we went, untill it came to 8 Rod wide again.*

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, April,—1703: It was agreed, and voted; to give liberty for two hundred †sheep to be brought into the Town, and to goe upon our commons in the summer: provided: the owners of them agree together, with such persons as have sheep, to procure a shepherd to take care of, and keep y^m^.

2^d^. It was agreed, and voted; to let out the ‡Schooll Lot for this year to James King y^e^ 1^st^; he allowing the Town five shillings rent as a compensation for the same, and at y^e^ end of the tearm, to resign it up to the Town again.

3^dly^. Ensign Joseph Shelden was chosen commissioner for this purpose.

4^thly^. The Town did agree, and by a full, and clear vote declare, that the Town would be at all the cost, and charge to vindicate, and defend the bounds of our Township as it was Granted by our ‖Honourable Generall Court, or lay'd out by the committee, or any person, or persons doing business within our commons within those bounds.

5^thly^. It was agreed, and voted; to lay out a highway over the mountain, to the commons where it be most convenient, not intruding upon former Grants; of six rods wide to the mountains; and ten rods wide over the mountain.§

6^thly^. It was agreed, and voted; to impose a fine of five shillings per hundred, upon any person, that shall presume hereafter, to cut, and carry away; or usher any person to cut, and carry away hoop-polls, from off any of our commons.

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*See p. 71.

† Sheep were kept here in 1696, perhaps earlier. According to the Province Laws, they were not allowed to go upon the Highway, or Common without a shepherd. Each owner had a recorded "ear mark" for his sheep. Examples: "Joseph Trumble, entred his Ear Mark March y^e^ 14^th^, 168½, w^ch^ is a piece cut out of y^e^ top of y^e^ off ear, in fashion of a Swallow Tail."

"Jonathan Sheldon, entred his Ear Mark, Feb y^e^ 12^th^, 173½, which is a slit across y^e^ fore side of the off ear."

They were watched by day, and enclosed at night, to protect them from beasts of prey. Wild Cats and Bears were common; but Wolves were most numerous, and destructive. Large bounties for their heads were offered by the Colony, so that in 1750 they were not aggressive, but were not extinct 25 years later.

‡ See p. 56, also note, p. 113.

‖ See pp. 49, 59, 65.

§ Laid out in 1710.

At a legall Convention of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants, qualify'd according to law; May the 6th, 1708: It was agreed, and by a clear vote determined; to send a Representative to attend, and serve at the Generall Assembly, for this present Court. *And according to our usuall manner of voting, by lifting up of hands; Ensign † Joseph Shelden was then chosen their Representative to attend, and serve at sd Court.

At the same meeting, for the incouragement of a School-master; it was agreed, and voted: to give as a salary for this year, twenty-four pounds in provision pay, five pounds of which twenty-four pounds; It should be levyed, or raised upon the schollars on this side Feather street, to Serj Jacob Adams, his house; from five years old, to ten years old; on this provisall, that; if any other shall send, or all others that doe send their children to the Schooll, either of ye age, or older; that they shall pay, in equall proportion, for wt time they doe send with the scholars in High street. And to make up the complement of twenty-four pounds; It shall be raised by way of rate, in equall proportion upon all the Inhabitants.

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‡ At a legall meeting of the Inhabitans of Suffield, Sept. ye 7th, 1708: It was agreed, and by a considerable majority voted, to fortify our Reverend Pastors House Lot. The measuring of the ground, and proportioning of it to each man his share (by rate) and estate; was left with the Selectmen to doe.

2dly. It was agreed, and voted: to put out Burles, the cripple, upon tryall to Goodman Smith, of Hadley: who is impowered to make experiment, whether he be capable of learning his trade, or no, if he be capable & if he the said Smith do learn him the trade then the Town is to pay to sd Smith five pounds in money, or as money. If not, then he is to return him to the Town again, and have nothing.

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants, Sept. ye 16th: 1708: It was agreed, and voted: to choose 5 men for a Committee, to joyn with the Committee chosen by the Generall Assembly, for to settle the lines, between Windsor, Simsbury, and this Town, who are to be assistant to ym for information, and showing of bounds; but not to act any further in the matter. And the persons ys chosen for ye service, specially: are, Anthony Austin Senr, Joseph Harmon, Joseph Shelden, Jno Hanchet, Jno Kent.

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*Voting by ballot, for Select Men, had not been abandoned. (See p. 98.) In 1712 the Town voted that Assessors be chosen "by papers." In 1714, the moderator was chosen in like manner.

† See p. 83.

‡ Whether this vote was carried into effect is unknown. No other mention of the subject is made in the Town Records. It is probable that a Palisado was built here. Other towns in the valley had them. Palisades were rows of stakes, or posts sharpened, and set firmly in the ground, a few inches apart. Several acres were sometimes enclosed, where the inhabitants could gather for defence. The French and Indian war (called Queen Anne's war), was at this time raging, and continued for 10 years. The Deerfield massacre occurred the next year, when 47 inhabitants were slain, and 112 taken prisoners.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield; December the 23: 1703: It was then agreed, and voted: to build a school house, according to the Demensions already agreed upon, by a former Town vote, entred a leaf back, in the 118th. page; and to have it finished compleat, and fitt to keep school in at, on, or before, *Michaelmas next ensueing. And allsoe to build a shelter for horses, for such as shall ride to meeting, & to set up a horse (block).

And by a clear vote, the men chosen as a Committee for the carrying on, and finishing said work; are Nathanael Harmon, Jno. Kent, and Joseph Winchill.

SUFFIELD AND WESTFIELD'S DIVIDING LINE.

Whereas: there hath been some difference, which hath occasioned many uncomfortable debates, between the Town of Westfield, and the Town of Suffield respecting the dividen, or dividing line betwixt them: We, therefore: Isaac Phelps, Jedadiah Dewy, John Noble, Joseph Shelden, John Hanchet, and Jno Kent, being persons elected, or chosen by said Towns, and by them fully authorized, and impowered, as a Committee to settle this line, that it may no longer remain as a bone of contention betwixt them. Having by joynt concurrence, convened together, on the 22nd day of June, 1703: at the place of controversy, we after some debate had in the matter; at the length came to a friendly, and loving complyance, each with other, and unanimously agreed to state, and settle said line, in manner as followeth, viz: We agreed, and determined that, from the Southwest corner of Springfield bounds, or where Springfield, and Suffield dividing line† meets with Westfield line; that the line shall run along southerly, upon the top of the mountain, to a white oak tree‡ mark'd with stones about it, on the top of the mountain, and from said white oak tree, to run westerly, to a heap of stones, errected by Springfield committee. And the mountain to be the bounds, betwixt Westfield, and Suffield; & from the aforesaid heap of stones, we agreed to run a west line, over the meadow or marrish, commonly called the great medow; to a small pine tree, which we marked with W—on the north side, & S—on the south side: From thence; we ran along over ye plain, to the top of the hill, easterly of Mr. Taylors medow; where we again mark'd a great pine tree with: W. S: From thence, we ran along still on a westerly course, marking several trees in ye range, or line as we went; untill we came to a period, or end of said line, between Westfield, & Suffield Plantations; which was on ye east side of ye hill, on ye west side of the pine plain; where we marked a young white oak tree, and raised a heap of stones about it.‖ This line thus stated, and run; we do joyntly, and unanimously agree, and determine, to be the dividing line between these two plantations forever; without any violation, alteration, or change. And that what we have now acted, and done, according to ye power given us, shall put a final issue to former; and stand as a barr in ye way of all future controversies, or

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*Sept. 29th, 1704. See p. 142.

†Now the North Bound-Stone at Rising Notch.

‡See p. 13.

‖This was west from the present N. W. Corner bound of Suffield fixed in 1713, at the N. end of Manatuck mountain.

debates, in this matter. And as a further Testification that this is our joynt, and unanimous agreement; we have hereunto subscribed, or enterchangeably set our hands, y^e^ day, and year above written.*

ISAAC PHELPS,
JEDEDIAH DEWY,
JOSEPH SHELDIN,
J^NO^ HANCHET,
J^NO^ KENT,
J^NO^ NOBLE,
} *Committee.*

At our Anniversary, or Generall Town meeting March the 6^th^, 170$\frac{8}{9}$: for the choice of needfull officers, to order the affaires of a Generall Concernment, for the wellfare of this place, and accordingly; choice was made, and the persons chosen for this ensuing year are these, who are mentioned by name.

Select Men—Lieut. Joseph Harmon, Lieut. John Pengilly, Corp^l^ Jonath Taylor, Corp^l^ Joseph Winchill, J^no^ Austin.

Constable—Ebenezer Smith.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin.

*Town Treasu^r^*—Jos: Harmon y^e^ 2^d^.

Land Measurers—David Winchill, and Jacob Adams.

*Sizer, & sealer of weights and measu^rs^*—J^no^ Kent.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

TythingMen—Jno. Hanchet Sen^r^, Timothy Palmer.

Brander & Toler—Joseph Pumry.

Fence Viewers—Samuel Granger, Joseph Remmington, Samuel Remmington, William Allyn.

Surveyors—Jno. Remmington, James Younglove, Ebenezer Burbank, Samuel Holladay.

At this Genneral Town meeting it was agreed and voted; to give the Constables twenty shillings yearly from this time, & so on forward.

2^adly^. Agreed, and voted; to give Lieut. Harmon as his sallary, for his serving as Town Treasurer, fifteen shilling for the three years past, in which he hath served in that place already; and five shillings per annum for time to come, soe long as he serves in said place of trust.

3^dly^. Granted to exchange with Jonathan Taylor, part of James Stevensons first grant, for land lying next his own field, in Springfield bounds to the contain, of twenty, or thirty acres.

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†WOOD FOR MINISTER.

At a Legall Town meeting March y^e^ 31^st^ 1704, It was agreed, & by a full vote determined, that the way, or method in which they would goe, for the geting of their Reverend Pastor, his wood for the space of two years next en-

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*This line was unchanged for a century. The Westfield Grant, nine miles long, extended about two miles into Connecticut, when the true Colony line was determined. Yet this line of 1703 was respected, and the Colony and State lines were made to conform therewith. See pp. 13, 93, 95, 143.

† See p. 129.

suing the date hereof; should be as followeth, viz: That every man in the Town that hath a team, do goe himself, and his team one day; and all such from sixteen years old, and upward: as have noe teams, to assist with their hands, one day apiece, in chopping & helping the teams to load. The men chosen to take the oversight of this business, to appoint days, and to call out men to s[d] work, in their several squaderons, that the work be done seasonably, & soe as to advance the end aimed at; are Serj. Sikes, Serj. Austin, Jn[o] Burbank, Jun[r], & Tim[o] Palmer.

It was further agreed, and voted; that every man with his team, or every single hand, who after seasonable warning given to attend said work, on the day appointed by these overseers, in their respective squaderons; who shall neglect to do his duty on said day, according to this order by which they have obliged, or bound themselves; or any other day when any other of the squaderons goe to said work, every man with his team, or single hand soe neglecting, or fayling; shall pay by way of rate for the Towns use, six shillings per day, for every man, & team; and two shillings sixpence for every single man.

At a legall meeting, March y[e] 9[th], 1704: It was agreed, and voted, to stand by the Townsemen, persons, and estates, and equally to share with y[m] in their gain, or Dammage in not making any more County Rates; untill y[e] bounds of our Township be settled. It was further agreed, and voted; to joyn with our Endfield neighbors, in procuring, and sending down a man, to y[e] General Assembly, now convened, and sitting in Boston; to mannage our Townes affaires there, in refference to the settlement of our respective linnes, or y[e] non-payment of Countrey rates, untill that be done; either Ebinezer Pumrey Lawyer, or some other meet person, whom the Select men of both Towns, or the major part of y[m], shall agree on and approve.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, February the 22[nd], 170¼: it was agreed, and voted: to give Cap[t] Anthony Austin 20[ds] in town pay*; which is provision, & flax,† according to the Town order, or act; entred in the 100

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* See Note, p. 137.

† Flax was raised as an article of necessity, as well as commerce. Down to 1800, the universal wearing apparel, and house keeping goods, were homespun, from the wool, and flax of the farm. Many families were clothed in "homespun" thirty years later. Some old ladies, yet living, can show their marriage outfit of linen sheets, pillow cases, towels, and tickings, spun from the flax with their own hands.

Considerable flax was grown here in 1820, but little after 1830. Yarn was sometimes spun from cotton brought from the West Indies, and a little cotton was sometimes mixed with the flax and wool in making cloth. Printed calicoes, and other cottons from India, were seldom worn except by the rich. Cotton however was but little known here, until after 1792: when cotton yarn made by the "jenny" began to be peddled in every village and hamlet of New England. The American cyclopedia says: "up to the year 1813 the mills that had been put in operation, were designed only for spinning, and the twist was sold to the weavers, who made use of hand looms, to convert it into cloth." There were three cotton yarn mills in Suffield before 1820. (Niles Register.)

The introduction of the power loom about this date silenced the hand loom; cotton became king, and the hum of the spinning wheel, the click of the reel,

page of this book; for keeping Schooll but this present year; five pounds whereof, they do engage to pay to Mr. Allexander Allen of Windsor. And that said Austin shall be at noe further care, or trouble about it, or come to any dammage by it.

HIGHWAY FROM NORTON'S BRIDGE TO LONG HILL.

March y^e^ first 1705: by order from y^e^ Select Men lay'd out a highway of two rods wide, from Norton's Bridge * in the most convenient place on the high land untill it comes to y^e^ Long Hill. †

DAVID WINCHILL.
JN^o^ KENT.

At the Anniversary, or Generall Town meeting, March the 5^th^, 170¾: for the choice of needfull officers, to order the affairs of a General concernment for the welfare of this place; and the persons chosen to their several places of trust, for this ensuing yeare, are these who are mentioned by name.

Select Men—Ensign David Winchill, Serj John Hanchet, Clerk John Kent, Corp^l^ Nathaniel Harmon, Corp^l^ Thomas Smith.

Constable—Jno Burbank Jun.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin y^e^ 1^st^.

Town Treasurer—Lieut. Joseph Harmon.

Land Measurers—Ens. Winchill & Serj Jacob Adams.

Sealer of Leather—Serj Adams.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—John Kent, Clerk.

Tything Men—Richard Austin, Tim^o^ Palmer.

*Surveigho'^s^*—John Rising, Sam^l^ Granger, Nath^l^ Austin, J^no^ Trumble y^e^ 2^nd^.

Fence viewers—Jonathan Remmington, John Trumble y^e^ 1^st^, Jacob Adams Jun, Sam^l^ Remmington.

Corp^l^ Pumry was chosen pound keeper, & Brander.

Corp^l^ Pumry, & Robert Old Sen, were chosen Hawards, or field Drivers, to see the law duely executed against, or upon offenders, respecting Swine going unyoak'd, and unring'd, and other cattel doing damage in fields, or inclosiers.

Peter Roe, & Serj Jacob Adams, were chosen to se the law executed respecting horses going at liberty, on y^e^ commons, contrary to the law of this Province.

It was agreed, and voted to exact y^e^ law on all such sheep, as shall be found going on the commons, and not under the hand, or care of a keeper, or shepherd.

At a legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, August the 31^st^, 1705: by a clear vote;‡ Capt Joseph Sheldin, was chosen Representative, to attend at

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and the clatter of the hand loom, are only traditions with most of those who are living.

A Flax-seed Oil Mill was built about 1785, west of the "Oil Mill" bridge, by Zadock Granger and Asahel Hatheway. It was run until 1828, and soon after destroyed by fire.

* Now between Geo. Phelps and Amos S. Crane, over Muddy Brook.

† "Hastings Hill."

‡ See p. 83.

Bosto· this present Convention, to serve on the Towns behalfe, and to manage the wns business in the Great, and Generall Assembly, there to convene Sep ' 5th, 1705.

2d ". At the same Convention of the Town by a clear vote: Ensigne David Wir hill, Serj. John Hanchet, and Serj. Anthony Austin; were chosen to run the west line, and to renew the south line of this Plantation; as allsoe to make a demand of a list of the estates of the Inhabitants of Salmon Brook, within our precincts, or Township: which service they do promise to enter upon, engage in, and effect; on Munday next, if God permit; which will be the third day of September y^e^ next ensuing month.

* We who are the subscribers; according to the vote of the Town August y^e^ 31st 1705: and our promise; entred upon the service we were chosen for, the third day of September, 1705: and the account of w^t^ we did in the premises, is as followeth: We began at our Norwest Corner, & soe run South ward, or a south line, to a pond called † Malacatceee, and went out of the pond at a cove, where a brook runs out of the pond; from thence we run to the lower Mannatuck, and so along south over it, and run along west of Salmon Brook houses, to our South West corner bounds; and made a demand of a list of the estates of the Inhabitants of Salmon Brook; which they refused to give. And then we renewed our south line.

DAVID WINCHILL,
JOHN HANCHET,
ANTHONY AUSTIN Jun^r^.

At a legall convention of the Inhabitants, October y^e^ 1st, 1705: by a full, and clear vote; Capt Joseph Sheldin was chosen to serve as their Representative, at the next convention, or siting of the great, and general Assembly of this province, in Boston: there to manage the Town's business, or case; ‡ which has been commenc'd this several years past, and is yet upon y^e^ Stage.

THE GENTLEMEN OF YE IRON WORKS, THEIR GRANT.

At a legall convention of the Inhabitants——1700: the gentlemen who are the owners, or undertakers of the iron works, viz: Collonel John Pynchon Esq^r^, Joseph Parsons ‖ Esq^r^, John Eliot § Esq^r^. Having made their application to the Town for liberty to bring, and set up their Iron works in this Town;

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* Suffield's claim to the land within these lines was not sustained by the commissioners of 1713, although portions of it had been laid out to its planters. Suffield lost about 8,000 acres of its Southwest corner; but the Proprietors received as compensation what is now the township of Blandford, Mass. See Town lines, p. 12, also pp. 93, 96, 100, 101.

† Now "Cranberry pond" in Granby. Phelp's Hist. of Simsbury, p. 147, writes this Indian name "Mallakakess." He erroneously presumes it to be Southwick Pond.

‡ The boundary question.

‖ Joseph Parsons of Northampton, son of Joseph of Springfield, was a Rep. from Spf'd and Northampton 14 years, and a Judge of the county court. Savage, Gen., Vol. III. p. 363.

§ He was Gr. Son of Eliot, the Indian apostle. He lived at Windsor, and was a man of distinction in Connecticut. See Conn. Col. Rec., Vols. IV, V.

The Town after some consideration of the proposall made to them; By a clear vote, Granted unto these three gentlemen, who are exprest by name; free liberty to bring, and set up their * Iron works, in any place, or upon any of the streams within this Township; where they themselves should judge it most convenient for their use. And further, for y^e^ encouragement of the gentlemem in this their so great an undertaking; as allso to promote so good a design: By a clear, and full vote; the Town Granted unto them, one hundred acres of land, to them, and their heirs forever; of which hundred acres, ninety acres is to ly at the foot of the mountains, next our south line, or bounding upon it: the other ten acres, near the Brook, or place where the works are errected, or set up; * if there be any there free from former grants, or other intanglement; and if not there to be had; then to take it up with the rest of their land, at the foot of the mountains; or in some other place which may be convenient for them; onely: in this gratuity or boone; All divisions of land, and proportions of medow properly belonging to Grants, is hereby excepted.

At a legall convention of the Inhabitants January y^e^ 8^th^, 1705–6: Serg^t^ Jacob Adams, by a full, and clear vote was chosen Moderator, to make speech, and to Read all votes of a prudential nature in Town meetings, from y^e^ day of date hereof, untill a full year shall be compleatly expired.

At y^e^ same Meeting: by a full, clear, and unanimous vote; the Town made choice of Mr. John Eliot, and Mr † Ebenezer Pumrey, to advise, or give counsell to the Town in a matter of difficulty, which they are now labouring under, which case y^e^ Town shall at y^e^ time, and place hereafter appointed lay before y^m^. The Town allso y^n^ agreed, And voted: to send a man up to Mr. Pumrey, to acquaint him with this act of the Town; and to get him down, and that they would pay all charges that should arise, about said councill.

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* These "Works" were "set up" before 1704, as at that date a "part of the Iron works" were included in the inventory of Major Pynchon's Suffield estate. They were located near the site of the present Boston neck School House. Little is known of them except, that in its latter years, shovels were successfully manufactured there, when the dam, and all the works were swept away by the Jefferson flood of 1801.

The abundant water power for the trip hammer, and the slitting mill; wood for the furnace, and bog ore from the swamps of this, and the adjacent towns, and possibly the success of the first, led to the establishment of two other "Iron Works" here; one in 1721, on Stony Brook at the lower end of High St., under a Proprietor's Grant to Peter Roe, Joshua Leavit, Anthony Austin, John Trumble 1^st^, Samuel Remmington, James King Jr, and Samuel Hatheway. (Vol 1, p. 5, Prop. Book.) They were in operation in 1770. (David Tods deed.) The other in 1722, at Stony Brook Falls, near the Simsbury line, by Ebenezer Fitch and Co. "to slit, and draw out iron rods for nails, and for other artificers in iron, their work and use." See Conn. Col. Records, Vol. VI, p. 312.

Little remains to inform the living that these "Works" ever existed, except the scoria often found in the vicinity of their several sites. In 1725, Iron was made lawful pay at 40^s^ per hundred, or its market value, for all town debts, except minister's salary.

† Brother of Joseph, Sheriff of Hampshire Co, Member of his Majesties Council, and father of Co^l^ Seth Pomrey of Revolutionary fame.

HIGHWAY.

February y^e^ 18^th^ 170¾ by order from y^e^ Select Men the Highway which runneth out by Eliezer Stockwells is layed out eight rods in breadth running a pretty strait course from Peter Roe and Benjamin Gillett their Land; to y^t^ hill, commonly called the * Sandy Hill, bounded at said Hill with two white Oak staddles marked, on both sides of y^e^ highway, which are likewise bounds thereof———By us Joseph Harmon & David Winchell.

At the Anniversary, or general Town meeting, March y^e^ 4^th^, 170¾: for the choice of needfull officers to order the affairs of a generall concernment, for the welfare of this place; and accordingly; choice was made, and the persons chosen to their several places of trust, for this ensuing year; are those who are after mentioned by name.

Select Men—Lieut. John Pengilly, Serj Victory Sikes, Corp^l^ Jonath Taylor, Serj Thomas Huxley, Jonathan Winchill Sen.

Consterble—Serj John Hanchet.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin.

Town Treasurer, Lieut. Joseph Harmon & voted to give him 8^s^ 8^d^ salary for this year.

Surveyors of wayes—Benony Banes, Ebenezer Burbank, Thomas Granger, Samuel Granger, John Rising.

Fence Viewers—Joseph Trumble, William Holladay, Abraham Granger, Samuel Younglove.

Tything Men—Peter Roe, John Trumble y^e^ 2^nd^. John Kent sizer, & sealer of weights, & measures, & alsoe searcher, and sealer of tarr, turpentine, & rosin barrels.

Land Measurers—David Winchill Sen^r^, Jacob Adams Sen.

At a leagall Town^s^ Meeting, March y^e^ 25^th^, 1706: by a clear vote: Serj Sikes; Jn^o^ Kent, and John Austin, were chosen Assessors for the Reverend Mr. Ruggles, his rates, this present year.

2^nd^. Serj Jacob Adams was chosen Collector to collect, and gather Mr. Ruggles, his rates this present year.

3^dly^. † It was agreed, and voted: to get Mr Ruggles, his wood this year, by y^e^ cord, and accordingly by a clear vote, it was concluded to get for this years stock, sixty cord of wood, at 5^s^ per cord; supposing y^t^ such a complement may be sufficient for one year.

4^th^. It was agreed, and voted: that y^e^ Tract of land, scituate, and lying as followeth, viz: on the West side of the road that leads to Springfield, against y^e^ Long Hill, having Maj^r^ Pynchon, and Serj Adams on y^e^ south side, and Serj Sikes on y^e^ north side, shall ly common forever.

5th. Lieut. John Pengilly, Serj. John Hanchet, and Serj. Victory Sikes,

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* Sometimes "Chestnut Hill." This is that part of the road to West Suffield, between the "Kent Corner," and Andrew Nooney's house on "Sandy Hill."

† See note, p. 180.

were by a clear vote chosen to call y^e^ Committee for y^e^ meeting house, to an account how the Town's money is disposed of.

6th. James Lawton, and *John Trumble the 1st, were chosen; to see the Town order duely executed, respecting swine being yoak'd and ring'd this present year.

At a Legall meeting of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants, May y^e^ 16, 1706: It was agreed, and voted; that the Select men should, in y^e^ name of y^e^ Town request, or desire the Worshipfull Joseph Parsons Esq^r^, to be helpfull to you, in y^t^ affair in refference to their taxes, and bounds, w^ch^ hath so often been managed in the Great, and Generall Assembly; but as yet brought to no comfortable Issue for y^e^ town.

At the Anniversary, or General Town meeting; March the 3d, 170¾: for y^e^ choice of needfull officers to order the affairs of a General concernment, for y^e^ wellfare of this place; and accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen, and their several places of trust for y^e^ ensuing year are these, who are after mentioned by name.

Select Men—Lieut. Joseph Harmon, Serj. Jacob Adams, Corp^l^ Nathan^l^ Harmon, Corp^l^ Joseph Winchill, J^no^: Austin.

Constable—John Huxley.

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin.

*Town Treasu^r^*—Lieut. Joseph Harmon.

Surveighours of High wayes—Robert Old, Serj. Victory Sikes, William Holliday.

Tything Men—Joseph Pumrey, Nath^l^ Austin.

Sealer of Leather—Serj. Jacob Adams.

Searchers, Gagers, and sealers of tarr, and turpentine—John Kent Sen^r^, and J^no^: Burbank.

Land Measurer—Ensign David Winchill.

Assessors—Lieut. Harmon, Joseph Winchill, John Austin.

Fence Viewers—J^no^: Trumble y^e^ 1st, James Lawton, Ebenezer Burbank, David Allyn.

Sizer, and sealer of weights & measures—Corp^l^ Jonathan Taylor.

1^st^. At this General Town meeting, It was agreed and voted: to pay Samuel Granger for a stubbling howe; w^ch^ was spoiled in y^e^ Town's service, and y^e^ Town to take y^e^ howe for y^e^ Town's use.

2^ndly^. At this General Town meeting it was agreed, and voted: to give liberty to Ebenezer Smith, to set his barn, half the breadth of it into the high way.

3^dly^. Granted unto William Old, by a clear vote; twenty acres of land, but with this provisall, or on the condition, that he come and settle upon it five years; or in y^e^ town five years.

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*He was the son of Joseph. John the 2d was the son of Judah. (See Grants on their father's rights. Vol. 1, pp. 53, 54, Prop. Book.)

4^{thly}. Granted by a clear vote, unto Lieut. Harmon, liberty to exchange thirty acres of land, upon this condition, that he, y^{e} said Harmon, be at all y^{e} trouble, and cost of deeds of exchange, between him, and the Town for said land.*

5^{thly}. It was agreed, and voted: to alter our General Town meeting, from y^{e} first Munday in March; to the second Munday in March, for y^{e} future. The reason of this alteration was, because of Northampton Court being the same Weck, many persons were unavoidably constrain'd to be absent from said meeting; which was judg'd to be very inconvenient, there being on said day, matters of a Generall concernment, to be acted and done, wherein all persons allow'd by law, ought to have the advantage of giving their sentiments, or voices in: if they soe please.

At a Legall Town meeting, July y^{e} 4th, 1707: It was agreed, and voted: to add to y^{e} Reverend Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, his Sallary: for this present year, to be pay'd in manner, or in y^{e} like speciœs that his stated Sallary is, (fourteen pounds).

2^{dly}. †It was agreed, and voted: to get a warrant to seiz all such persons, as trespass upon our Township, and also to seiz all Timber gotten by strangers within our precincts, or whatever other commodity, y^{t} may be of advantage to our Town; and to improve, or imploy y^{e} Sherriff in this affair. The Town hereby engaging themselves to defray all neccessary charges, that shall arise in the prosecution of this act.

3^{dly}. ‡It was agreed, and voted: to get Mr. Ruggles Sixty cord of wood, for this year 1707: at six shillings per cord.

At a meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants, by y^{e} Constable Leagally, and orderly warn'd, December y^{e} 31st, 1707: By a clear vote Cap^{t} Joseph Shelden was chosen commissioner, to joyn with, and to be Assistant to y^{e} Trustees in making the Countrey List, pursuant unto the advice, or allowance given us by our Hon'ed Great, & General Assembly.

2^{dly}. It was agreed, and by a full, and clear vote determined, to chuse seven men for a Committee to meet, and treat with Windsor, and Simsbury Committees' in order to an Agreement about; or settlement of the Town Bounds, between each of y^{m}, and us.

3^{dly}. §By a clear vote: Cap^{t} Joseph Shelden, Lieut Joseph Harmon, Serj.

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* He received 80 acres on Wolf pit plain, now opposite the home of Wid. Asa Harmon, Sheldon Street. (See p. 164, old book.)

† In 1708, Connecticut proposed to Massachusetts, for a cessation of the border war, and that Commissioners be appointed by each Colony to settle the Line. This resulted in the settlement of 1713. An interesting account of this matter may be found in Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. V., pp. 58, 59, 60, 390, 399.

‡ See note, p. 130.

§ The remedy here proposed was inadequate for settling a Town and Colony Line. The vote shows an earnest and friendly desire for a fair adjustment of a matter that had harrassed the Town from its birth, and which is traceable to the incorrect line of Woodward & Saffery of 1642.

John Hanchet, Serj Jacob Adams, Clerk John Kent, Corp[l] Jonathan Taylor, Corp[l] Joseph Winchill, were chosen as a Committee to officiate in this matter, on y[e] Towns behalf. And these seven men thus chosen for a Committee were by a full agreement, & clear vote; chosen Pleny-Potentiaries, that is; authorized, and invested with full, and y[e] sole power to act, and doe in the premises; so as to put a full, and finall Issue to the present, and lay a bar in y[e] way of all future jarrs, or debates with our Windsor, and Simsbury neighbors; in refference to our Town bounds, engaging ourselves to sit down contented; with w[h] this our Committee, or the major part of them shall act, and do in y[e] premises, for y[e] procurement of peace, and unity between us, & our good Neighbours of Windsor, and Simsbury, whether y[e] sequell prove our gain or loss.

At this meeting; by a clear vote Lieut. Harmon, Joseph Winchill, & John Austin, were chosen Trustees to take y[e] Countrey List.

At our Anniversary, or General Town Meeting March y[e] 8[th], 170¾: for the chioce of needfull officers to order the affairs of a prudentiall Nature, or of a General concernment for the wellfare of this place. And accordingly choice was made on said day, and the persons chosen to their several places of trust, for this ensuing year; are these who are after mentioned by their Names.

Select Men—Serj John Hanchet, John Kent y[e] 1[st], Thomas Smith y[e] 1[st], John Burbanke y[e] 2[d], Anthony Austin y[e] 2[d].

Town Clerk—Anthony Austin y[e] 1[st].

Constable—Benony Banes.

Survey[ours]—Jonathan, and Samuel Remmington.

Tything Men—Ebenezer Burbanke and Jn[o] Remmington. Corp[l] Jonathan Taylor Clerk of the market for to size, and seal weights & measures.

Land Measurer—Ensign David Winchill.

Town Treasurer—Lieut Harmon.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams y[e] 1[st].

Searchers, sealers, & gagers of all casks—Jn[o] Kent y[e] 1[st], & Jn[o] Burbank y[e] 2[nd].

Assessors—Jn[o] Kent y[e] 1[st], Thomas Smith y[e] 1[st], Anthony Austin y[e] 2.

Fence Viewers—Samuel Allyn, Samuel Younglove, John Warner, Benj. Remmington.

According to law, having recorded seasonable notification from y[e] Select men, of Springfield of their intentions to perambulate y[e] dividen line betwixt them, and us, on y[e] 20[th] day of Aprill, 1708: As allso their desires that our Town would send men, to joyn with y[m] in their perambulation of said line; and to meet y[m] at y[e] corner bounder betwixt y[m], and us; next y[e] Great River; (being y[e] common place of meeting upon y[e] occasion,) On said day above mentioned, in y[e] forenoon. Accordingly our present Select men, or major part of them, in complyance w[th] their desires; sent Serj. John Hanchet, and Ebenezer Burbanke forth upon y[e] service: whose return is as followeth, viz: According to order we met with Springfield men, on y[e] 20[th] day of this instant, April, 1708: to perambulate, or renew y[e] bounds between y[m], and us.

* We began at y[e] Great River; where y[e] Corner Bound betwixt y[m], and us

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* This line from the River to Rising Notch, remains unchanged, although it is 90 Rods too far South, at the River, and 8 Rods too far North, at Rising Notch. See pp. 49, 65, 96.

are Two Tall middling trees, y^e^ one a Wall-nut, y^e^ other a red Oak, and so run west, from thence along y^e^ old line, new marking y^e^ trees, formerly marked, untill we came to Westfield line.

JNO HANCHET y^e^ 1^st^,
EBENEZER BURBANKE.

A VOTE FOR FENCING Mr. RUGGLES HIS LAND, AND FOR CLEARING THE MINISTRY LOTT.

At a Legall meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants, May y^e^ sixth, 1708: Capt. Joseph Shelden engaging, to give one day of y^e^ foot company under his command; which they should by law have served her Majesty on, in Millitary Exercises: Towards y^e^ fencing Mr. Ruggles, his swamp: and clearing off y^e^ Ministrey Lot. The Town by a full, and clear vote; agreed to spend y^e^ day, in fencing s^d^ swamp: and cutting brushe in y^e^ front of y^e^ Ministry Lot. And w^t^ remains of clearing, and fencing so farr as it hath formerly been cleared; and fenced; After the Captain's Donation hath been expended upon it; The Town have agreed to do it, upon y^e^ Town's charge. And y^t^ y^e^ Selectmen from year, to year; shall take y^e^ care of keeping down y^e^ brushe in said lot; so far as it hath been formerly cut down, untill it be thorowly subdued.

2^dly^. It was agreed, and voted: to allow our Reverrend Pastor £18 this year, to be paid in Cord Wood at 6*s.* per cord.*

† MINES.

3^dly^. It was agreed, and voted: y^t^ every Mine, or Mines y^t^ do already, or may hereafter appear to be in any undivided land, within y^e^ Township of Suffield: is, and shall be sequestered, and conserved for y^e^ whole Town's use forever.

4^thly^. It was agreed, and voted: y^t^ no person whatsoever y^t^ is a proprietor of land within y^e^ Township of Suffield; shall have any liberty to cut down, and carry away any wood, or timber off from any common, or second Division Land, within y^e^ same.

5^thly^. It was agreed, and voted: to add to y^e^ vote of y^e^ Town, past Decem: y^e^ 31st, 1707: entred in page 121; on y^e^ other side of this leaf backward; for y^e^ impowering of their Committee w^ch^ they chose for to meet, and treat Windsor, and Simsbury Committees, in refference to y^e^ setling of y^e^ bounds betwixt each of y^m^, and us — These words, "or y^e^ Major part of y^m^." ‡

At a Legall Town meeting September the 22d, 1708: by a full and clear, vote, John Austin was chosen Town Clerk, for the remainder of the year, untill y^e^ Generall Town Meeting.

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* 60 cords.

† The Copper Hill mines had lately been discovered. They were claimed by Suffield to be within its Grant. See Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. V. p. 104, and p. 12, Doc. Hist., and Phelp's Hist. of Simsbury, p. 113.

‡ The record in the hand-writing of Anthony Austin, the first Town Clerk, ends here. He was in the 27th year of that service at the time of his death, which occurred Aug. 22, 1708. His son John was his successor in office.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted: by a full and clear vote; To choose three men to go unto, and consult with, the Reverrend Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brewer, and Mr. John Woodbridge, and Mr. Collins, in order to their making their application, to the Worthy Mr. Chancy, of * Cookenchaog: to come, and dispence the things of God unto us.†

3dly. It was agreed, and voted: that ‡ Deacon Harmon, Serj. Hanchet, Serj. Adams, should be the men to go, and advise with the Reverend Elders above named; and if said Elders do joyn with the Town in their desire, the said Deacon Harmon, Serj. Hanchet, Serj. Adams, are with all convenient speed, to go to the Worthy Mr. Chancy, (see p. 87,) and do their best indeavor, to bring him upon the place, in order to his settlement amongst us, in the work of the Ministrie.

4thly. It was agreed, and voted: to allow in a Rate, John Rising, & Samuell Sikes, for their going to the Bay with y^e^ Reverend Mr. Ruggles.

At a Leagall meetin of the Inhabitants; October the 8th, 1708: It was proposed to the Town; whether they would choose a Commity, and leav it with them, with the advice of Elders, to seek after, and indeavour to bring a Minister upon the place, to despence the word of God to us, by way of tryall; in order to a Settelm^t^ amongst us in the work of the Ministery; or whether they would do it themselves: and it was by a full, and clear vote agreed, to leav it with a Commitie.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted; to choose three men for a Commitie to seek after a Minister.

3dly. By a clear vote, Deacon Harmon, Serj. Hanchet, & Serj. Adames, were made choice of for the Commitie.

4thly. It was agreed, and voted: that the said Commitie should advise with the § Reverend Mr Taylor, Mr. Brewer, Mr John Woodbridge, & Mr Collins; in order to their seeking after a Minister.

5thly. By a clear vote Anthony Austin, & John Burbank Jun^r^, were chosen Commitie Men to joyn with the ‖ Survivers of the Commitie men chosen by Town, October the 4th, 1699: to inspect, and manage in the Towns behalfe their concern and bissiness in building, & finishing an house for the Worship of God.

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* Durham, Ct.

† Rev'd Benj. Ruggles died Sept. 5th, 1708. This year, the Town lost by death, its Town clerk, its Minister, and its Representative at the General court.

‡ Probably "Nathaniel," and the first Suffield Deacon. He died in 1713. Thomas Hanchet had that title before he settled here. He died in 1686. His son John was deacon in 1713, and died 1744. Jonathan Taylor was deacon in 1714, died in 1726. Deacon Samuel Smith 1721, died 1723. Dea. John Mixer, 1722. This is all that can be known of the first deacons, as the early church records are lost.

§ Edward Taylor, Westfield's first minister. Daniel Brewer, Springfield's third minister. John Woodbridge, West Springfield's first minister. Nath^l^ Collins, Enfield's first minister.

‖ Anthony Austin Sen^r^, and Joseph Shelden, had deceased. This year, the Town lost by death, its Town Clerk, its Minister, and its Representative at the Gen^l^ court. Sewall's Diary says, July 2^d^, 1708: "Capt Joseph Shelden dyes by reason of the great heat. July 3^d^ Is buried at the public charge £21, 0^s^, 1^d^. Corps was set in the Dept^s^ Room."

At a Leagall Meeting of the Inhabitants: December the 31st, 1708: It was agreed, and voted: to allow all the necessary charge, that hath been expended in going for Ministers, to preach the word of God to us, and going home with them, and for their expenses in the Town, and for a jorney to Hartford, & another to Simsbury for the Ministers, to reccon with the Inhabitants, and for some other bissiness wherein the Town was concerned.

2nd. It was agreed, and voted: to allow Ten pounds in money, towards the finishing of the Meeting House, to be gathered, and dellvered unto the Committie, who were chosen to act in the Towns behalf, in errecting, and finishing of said House: to be by them improved to the end for which it is granted, and no other.

3dly. At this Meeting: Deacon Harmon, & Serj. Hanchet, who were chosen (at a preceeding meeting, October the 8th,) for two of the Commitie, for procuring of a Minister; did verbally declare: that they did lay down their Committiship.

4thly. It was agreed, & voted: to leave it with the Select men to procure an Orthadox Minister, for this winter, to despence the word of God tous.

At our Anniversary, or Generall Town meeting: March the 14th, 170⅘: for the Choice of needfull officers, to order the affairs of a Generall Concernment, for the welfare of this place: And accordingly choice was made, and the persons chosen to their severall places of Trust, were these who are mentioned by name, in the following order.

Select Men—Corpll Jonathan Allyn, Corpll Samuell Kent, Corpll Joseph Pumry, Ebenezer Smith, John Austin.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constable—Joseph Remmington.

Town Treasurer—Serj. John Hanchet.

Clerk of the Market—Jonath. Taylor.

Tithing Men—Corpll Nathaniel Harmon, Serj. Joseph Winchill.

Surveighors of High ways—Samuel Harmon, John Halladay, Matthew Copley, Thomas Granger, Junr.

Fence viewers—Abraham Granger, John Stockwell, Benjamin Allyn, Peter Eastman.

Land Measurers—Ens David Winchill, Ens Anthony Austin.

Clerk—James King Senr.

Searchers, sealers, and gagers of casks—John Kent, and John Burbank Jnr., James King Senr.

Town Brander—Corpll Joseph Pumry.

Assessors—Corpll Pumry, Ebenezer Smith, John Austin.

At this Generall Meeting It was agreed, and voted: to send down to Mr Chancy for an answer to what hath been proposed to him, in order to his coming amongst us, in order to a Settelment with us in the work of the Ministrie.

2ndly. Serj John Hanchet, Clerk John Kent, & Thomas Granger Senr, were chosen for a Commitie to have the care, and oversight of building a Cart-Bridge* over Stony Brook, by Goodman Copleys.

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*This was the first bridge here. It was a few rods south of the present one, near South Street R. R. Station. The causeways yet remain. It was completed in 1715 at a cost of £12, 6s, or $41. The committee had 8 shillings each, for six years committeeship. The second bridge here was built in 1787.

3dly. At this Meeting, Corpll Samuell Kent, and the other Proprietors of the Common Field, on the east side of High Street, proposed to the Town, for liberty to fence in the Ministry with their said field, & to have the benefit of the feed thereoff, for one year; for their fencing of it, promising withall; that in case there comes a Minister to settle in the Town, within the year; Then they will resign it up free: but if the Town take it out of their hands, before the year be expired, or a Minister come upon the place; then, the Town are to allow them what may be rationall, for their fencing of it, which was Granted unto them by a full, and clear vote.

4thly. It was agreed, and voted: That all swine shall be ring'd by the 21st of this instant, March: and soe to continue all the year, and that they shall be yoak'd from the first of August, untill the last of Sept.

James Lawton, James Younglove, Benoni Banes, William Hallady, Jacob Adams Junr, & Jonathan Sikes, were chosen to se that this act about swine be attended to; & in case any person shall neglect to ring their swine, by sd time; or if they be without rings at any time, then the men above named are to take up such swine, wherever they find them; and ring them, and the owners of the swine shall pay them for so ringing: sixpence pr swine.

At this meeting, Benjamin Winchill proposed to the Town for twenty acres of Land.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, March the 21st; 1st It was agreed, and voted, By a full, and clear vote: to send men down to *Saybrook, to make inquiry concerning the Worthy Mr. Hale; whether he be a man likely to carry on, and go thorow the worke of the Ministery; if it should pleas God so to incline his heart towards us; as to come, and settle amongst us, in that work.

2ndly. By a full, and clear vote; Corpl Jonathan Taylor, and Clerk John Kent, were chosen to go to seek after a Minister, who taking the best method they can for information, if they be advised to Mr. Hale: then they are to doe their best indeavour to bring him upon the place; to preach the word of God unto us, for a time, by way of triall, in order to a settelment amongst us, to despence the things of God unto us: And if they be not advised unto him; or if he cannot be perswaded to come; Then: they are hereby impowered to go unto any other person, to whome they may be advised.

3dly. It was agreed, and voted: by a full, and clear vote: to give unto the Reverend Mr. Collins, twenty shillings: and to the Worthy Mr. †Azariah Mather, fourty shillings in money: in some measure to Recompence them for their labour, and pains they have taken with us, & for us, by travell and preaching the word of God unto us.

At a Leagall Town meeting, Aprill the 11th, 1709: it was agreed, and voted: to wait for an answer from the Worthy Mr. Hale,‡ in referance to what hath been proposed unto him, in order to his coming upon the place, to despence the word of God unto us for a time, by way of tryall, in order to a Settellment.

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* Young men were educated for the ministry at the collegiate school here. It was removed to New Haven in 1716, and took the name of Yale College in 1718. Trumbull's Hist. of Conn., Vol. II, Chap. I.

† Son of Rev. Samuel Mather, of Windsor.

‡ Perhaps James Hale, the first minister at Ashford, Conn. See p. 88.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, May y^e^ 20^th^, 1709: Corporal Jonathan Taylor was made choice of, to go to the Reverend Mr. *Increase Mather, the Reverend Mr. † Cotton Mather, and the Reverend Mr. Walters, of Roxbury; or any other of the neighbouring Elders (to whom they may advise him) for Counsell to some sutable Minister, to come up unto us, to dispence the word of God unto us, in order to a Settelment.

A VOTE FOR M^r^ DEVOTIONS SETLEMENT.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, August y^e^ 2^d^, 1709: It having pleased the Lord so farr to incline the heart of Mr. ‡Ebenezer Devotion towards this Town so that he hath come upon the place, and hath given the Inhabitants a tast of his labours, some proof of his abillities, and accomplishments for the work of the Ministery; to their good liking, and satisfaction. The Town did, by a full, and clear vote; unanimously agree to renew their call, unto Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, to stay with them some time longer, to dispence the word of God unto us, in order to a settelment amongst us, in due time; may it please the Lord to incline his heart to imbrace their motion. And for his encouragement the Town did by a full, and clear vote, agree to give him for his sallery, Eighty pounds a year, for five years next ensuing; and after five years are expired, then to give him One hundred pounds, in provition pay yearly. And for a Settelment the Town agreed to give him One hundred and fifty pounds as mony, and sixty acres of land.

At this meeting it was agreed, and voted: to set a decent Toomb, upon the grave of the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Ruggles deceased; upon the Towns charge.§

A GRANT OF 10 POUNDS TO M^r^ DEVOTION.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, Sept. y^e^ 5^th^, 1709: It was agreed, and voted; to allow the Worthy Mr. Devotion Ten pounds in mony, to be put into the rate, or assessment that is now, forthwith to be made.

At this meeting, William Allin proposed to the Town to exchange twenty acres of second Devision land, lying between the two roads that lead to Springfield, and joyning to Springfield bounds, which land was lyed out unto his father Edward Allen deceased; together with 50 acres more of Second Devistion land, and record unto the said Edward Allen, in the 44^th^ page of this Book, and to take it up again at the south end of the s^d^ seventy acres, & on the west side of land layed out to William Prichet: which proposall the Town by a full, and clear vote Granted; Said William Allen, promising to be at all cost, to secure said land unto the Town; which he now throws up.

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* He was minister at Boston sixty-two years, some time President of Harvard College. Eliot calls him the father of the New England clergy.

† He was the son of Increase Mather, and his colleague forty years, also a voluminous writer, and author of "Magnalia." Eliot says he was the most distinguished divine in New England.

‡ See page 88.

§ One hundred and fifty years after his death, the First Congregational Church erected his monument.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, October the 16th, 1709: It was agreed, and voted; to send a man down with Mr. Devotion; to accompany him in his Jorny toward the Bay.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, October y^e^ 31^st^, 1709. It was agreed, and voted, by a full and clear vote, to wait for the worthy Mr. Devotion until spring, according to the advice of the Neighbouring Ministers.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, December the 23^d^, 1709. 1^st^. It was agreed, voted by a full, and clear vote, to lay out the hundred and fifty pound as mony, (Granted for the Incouragement of the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, for his settlement;) in procuring of land for a Homested, & in building an House for a Minister.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted; to raise fourty five pounds in money (which is a part of the hundred and fifty pounds above said) for, or towards the procuring land, and building for a Minister.

3^d^ly. By a clear vote, Serj. Hanchet, Ensign Austin, and Serj. Joseph Winchill, were chosen for a Commitie to act, and manage for, and in the Towns behalf, in buying land, and building an House for a Minister.

At a Leagall Town Meeting of the Inhabitants, January the tenth, $170\frac{9}{10}$; *first* It was agreed, and voted, by a full, & clear vote; to give unto Samuel Kent Jun^r^,* sixty acres of land, as a reccompence, or compensation for his keeping Scooll the year past, in leiw of twenty seven pounds allowed unto him for his sallery, Which Grant was upon the proposall of Samuell Kent, and to his acceptance in full for his years keeping Scooll which will be expired in March next.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, voted; to give unto † Samuell Harmon thirty acres of land, adjoyning unto his own land; lying upon Woolf pitt plain, on the Norward side of it: which land is in leiw of nine pounds in money towards paying for his ‡ Home Lott in High Street, in case the Commitie (chosen for the Bying land, and Building an house for a Minister,) and said Harmon do agree about said Home Lott; and said Harmon doth give the Town a firm tittle thereunto. Serj. Jacob Adames, decented from this Grant of the Town.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted; for the time to come, to lay two pence upon reading Scollers per week, and three pence upon Writing Scollers per week (of such Scollers as go to Scooll) for the paying of the Scooll Master; and what the Scollers want of amounting to the sum that shall from time, to time, be

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* See p. 86. Now part of the homestead of Harvey Smith, near the Kent Corners, West Suffield.

† Lieut. Samuel Harmon, son of Nathaniel, settled in Sheldon Street, North Side, on Wolf-pit Plain, about eighty rods west of "Wolf-pit Brook," now "Tinker Brook."

‡ This Home Lot was the third six-acre lot on the west side of High street, south of the West-Suffield road. It was bought by the town, in accordance with this vote, and a house built upon it. This was the third parsonage built by the town, and, with the lot, was given to the Rev. Ebenezer Devotion as part of his settlement. See note p. 88.

allowed the Scoollmaster for his Sallery; the Town to pay it, as other rates to be raised, or leveyed upon pole, and Estates. The persons hereafter named, decented from this vote of the Town.

Cap^{t} Joseph Harmon,		
Serj. John Hanchet,	John Kent Jun,	John Hanchet,
Ens. Anthony Austin,	John Huxley,	Thomas Kent,
Serj. Joseph Pumry,	Abraham Granger,	John Warner,
Ebenezer Smith,	George Norton,	John Trumbel 1st
Peter Roe,	Jonathan Winchill Jun,	Samuel Kent Sen^{r},
James King Jun,	Benjamin Winchill,	John Kent Sen^{r},
Sam^{ll} Younglove,	Serj. Joseph Winchill,	Thomas Copley Jun,
James Younglove,	Joseph Remmington,	Matthew Copley.

At a Legall Town Meeting, February the 16th, $170\frac{1}{2}$: The Town by a full, and clear vote: did agree to give the Worthy Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, a further call, in order to his taking office upon him, to despence all Gods Ordenances unto us.

At our Anniversary, or Generall Town Meeting March the 13th, $170\frac{1}{2}$: for the Choise of needfull Officers, & to order the affairs of a Generall, or publicke Concern for the year ensuing, Choise was made of the persons hereafter named, to their several placés of trust.

Select Men, Serj. John Hanchet, Corp^{l} Jonath^{n} Taylor, Serj. Joseph Winchill, John Burbank, John Austin.

Constable, James Hayward.

Town Clerk, John Austin.

Town Treasurer, Serj. Hanchet.

Clerk of the Market, Corp^{ll} Jonathan Taylor.

Land Measurer, Ens. David Winchill.

Tything Men, Serj. Thomas Smith, John Warner, & Samuell Allin.

Serveyors of Highwaies, Corp^{l} John Harmon, & Jacob Adams Jun.

Fence Viewers, John Remmington, John Huxley, Samuel & Remmington.

Searchers, & sealers, & gagers of casks, James King Sen^{r}, Clerk John Kent, & John Burbank.

Town Brander, Serj. Joseph Pumrey.

Assessors, Capt. Harmon, Corp^{l} Nathaniel Harmon, & Clerk John Kent.

At this General Town Meeting: 1st, It was voted, by a clear vote: to raise all the Scooll Rates upon Estates, & not upon Scollers according to the last vote.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted; to give John Trumble the 2nd, liberty to lay down his thirty acres* of Second Devision land lying west of Good^{m} Stockwells feild; it being damnifyed by two High-ways, he taking of it up in one peice, and not nearer the Town.

3^{d}ly. It was agreed, and voted: to leave it with the Select Men, to fence and let out; or to let out without fencing, The Ministrey and Scooll Lots, for the Town's use, so as they shall judge most beneficiall for the Town.

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* This land is now known as the "Graham Farm," opposite the Hotel Corner in West Suffield. The Hotel property is a part of Stockwell's Field. (See note on p. 167.)

At this Generall Meeting: Ebenezer Smith, Freegrace Norton, & John Austin, proposed to the Town for to grant them some small Tracts of Land.

At a Leagall Town Meeting, May y^e^ 10^th^, 1710: 1^st^, Upon the request, or proposall of Mr. Ebenezer Devotion: the Town did, by a clear vote, ingage to get him thirty cord of wood yearly, for his fire wood, soe long as it shall please God to continue him with us, in the work of the Ministrey.

2^dly^. It was agreed, and voted; by a clear vote, to precure a Drum to beat upon on the Sabbath, for calling the Assembly seasonably together.

3^dly^. It was agreed, and voted, to be at the charge of procuring a * Law Book for the Towns use.

4^thly^. It was agreed, and voted, by a clear vote, that, If it should please God in his Providence, to make way for the Ordination for the Worthy Mr. Ebenezer Devotion; That they will be at the necessary charges thereof.

5^thly^. Samuell Hale proposed to y^e^ Town, for liberty to lay down twenty acres of Second Devision Land, lying on the South side of Stony Brook, near Watsons Timber Hill, and to take it up again westward of the Town, and himself to be at all charges that shall be nocccssary, to confirm the land thus laid down to the Town; Which proposall the Town by a clear vote Granted.

6^thly^. It was agreed & voted to raise Ten Pound in provision pay, for the support, and maintenance of the poor.

7^thly^. It was proposed at this Meeting, to y^e^ Inhabitants present; whether they would lay one penny upon the pole per week, on such Scollers as go to Scool, and the remainder of y^e^ Scool rates to be rased as other rates; which by a clear vote past on the Affirmative.†

8^thly^. Granted: to James King Sen^r^, for Joseph Fuller of Ipswich, two acres of land for recompence for damage done by a Highway at Bushes Bridge, running through the Meadow, laid out to Walter Halladay, now in the possession of the said Fuller.

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* The first edition of the Province Laws was published in 1699, and is a rare book. See Town Acts of January 4th, 1714–15.

† To the Honoured Court of Sessions of the Peace, Holden at Springfield y^e^ 16^th^ of May Currant:

There having been trouble in Respect of the way of raising our Scool Rates, the scituation of our Town being such, that all persons cannot have a benefit of the Scooll; children of the usuall age for learning to read not being able to travell so farr as to go to the Publick Scooll. The Town having past a vote to lay a part upon Scollers as in y^e^ above written vote doth appear. To prevent any further and future jarring, and contending about this matter; We Humbly pray your Hon^rs^ would be pleased to rattifie and confirm the above said Town Act. (Old Book, p. 170.)

Dated in Suffield,
May the 10^th^ 1710.

JONATHAN TAYLOR.
JOHN HANCHETT.
JOHN BURBANK.
JOHN AUSTIN.
} Select Men.

Hampshire At a Quarter Sessions at Springfield May 16^th^ 1710.
The above said Vote was approved and allowed by the Sessions.
Test. JOHN PYNCHON. Clerk.

9th ly. Granted: to Samuell Copley liberty to set up a * ffulling-Mill upon Stony Brook above y^e^ way Granted by the Town to John Rising; that is to say; the Town Granted to said Copley, their Right to y^e^ Stream in said place, for the use above said: Samuell Copley ingaging not to damnifie the Town, or any particular person by making a Dam for said Mill.

10th ly. It was agreed, and voted, That for the time to come, Veall shall not be recconed, or accounted as a speacia, in any payment to Mr. Devotion, as to his Rate, or any other ingagement of the Town to him.

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, December y^e^ 28th, 1710: It was agreed, and voted; by a clear vote; to allow John Rising 8 shillings p^r^ day for himself, and his horse, for y^e^ nine daies he was out, when he went to y^e^ Bay with Mr. † Devotion the when he went to be Married.

2nd ly. It was agreed, and voted: to allow ten shillings, and some pence in money to be raised, to pay some money due to sundry persons, which they were to liave received of Constable Banes, but could not get.

3d ly. It was agreed, and voted, to leave with the Select Men the whole Concern, Respecting the present ‡ pound: Either to accept of it, or to refuse it, or to sue the men, that were bargained withall to make said pound; for their not making it according to Bargain, or Agreement.

4th ly. It was agreed, and voted: to new seat y^e^ Meeting House.

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§‖HIGHWAY OVER Y^e^ MOUNTAINS.

February the 21st 170$\frac{9}{10}$. We whose names are hereunto annexed did lay out the severall highways following: First we laid out a highway of six rods wide according to the vote of the Town recorded in the 115th page of this Book) (see p. 145) from Sandy or Chestnut Hill to the foot or east side of the Mountaines; We began at John Younglove's Norwest Corner and about a dozen Rod westward of it wee marked a pine tree standing on the West side of said Sandy Hill, and on the south side of said highway: and so run with a straight course over ‖ "Ireland Plain": and along on the North side of "Stockwells Feild" bounding South upon it: from thence it runs across the Northerly end of Trumbles land to a red or black oak tree marked on all four sides, which tree stands on the North side of said highway: From thence to a white oak tree on the East side of Rattle Snake Brook and north of the highway: and so running over the brook and swamp to a chestnut tree; From thence to a maple tree standing on the East side of the next slow: from thence across the Norward end of a little

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* Trumbull's History of Connecticut says: "There was but one clothier in the Colony in 1710. The most he could do, was to full the cloth that was made. A great proportion of it was worn without shearing or pressing."

† He married Mrs. Hannah Breck, of Dorchester, Mass. Their publishment bears date August 9th, 1710.

‡ The Province Laws of 1698 required every town to provide a suitable pound. This was the first pound, and stood probably on High St. Common.

§ This is a continuation westward, of the Highway on p. 158.

‖ The first Meeting House, School House, and Burying Ground in the West Precinct were located near the centre of "Ireland Plain." Why this name was given it, is unknown.

plain lying Norward of Serg[t] Joseph Winchells swamp: From thence it runs over a brook that runs into said Winchell's swamp; and bounds south upon the most Norward Hemlock trees that stand upon the bank of said brook: from thence we layd it in the most feasable way, much as the path now goes, till we came to the foot of the Mountain where we marked two small white oak trees standing on the North side of the highway a little norward of the most norward branch of Stony Brook, that comes out of the Mountaines. (Old Book, p. 167.)

HIGHWAY OVER RATTLE SNAKE PLAIN.

Then wee laid out a highway of ten rods wide, from the highway that goes to the mountains; turning out of it on the high ground a little eastward, or south easterly of rattle snake Brook; where we marked a red, or black oak tree on all four sides, which tree is on the west side of this highway. From thence it runs norward, to a black, or red oak tree standing on the south end of Rattle Snake Plain; on the brow of the hill next the brook, on the North Side of it, & on the west side of the Highway: from thence, to a pine tree marked: and on the east side of said pine tree, and then running norward along the plain; holding the same breadth till it comes to the old road, or path before it comes to turn westward round the head of the boggy meadow commonly called *Cakebread's Meadow. (Old Book, p. 167.)

A PRIVATE WAY FOR JAMES YOUNGLOVE.

Also we layd out a way of two Rods wide for James Younglove to his land on the West side of Rattle Snake Plaine to turn out of the highway on Rattle Snake Plaine where about the, or against where it used to go over Rattle Snake brook, and from thence to go Westward across the plaine, unto the causey which said Younglove made over the swamp on the West side of Rattle Snake Plain. (Old Book, p. 167.)

HIGHWAY FOR JOSEPH WINCHILL, ON IRELAND PLAIN.

At the same time we layed a way of 8 Rods wide from the Norwest corner of Serj Joseph Winchills land, on or against the Westward part of Ireland plain, for his convenience and those that are near adjoyning to his land, which way lyeth along by the Northerly end of said Winchills land, and run the same course till it comes into the road or highway that leads over Ireland Plain, to the Mountain.

Layed out by us, JONATHAN TAYLOR. SAMUEL KENT. JOHN AUSTIN. } Select Men.

(Old Book, p. 168.)

*Now Horatio K. Nelson's, at the North end of Rattly street.

*HIGHWAY BY GOOD^{M} RISINGS.

March y^{e} 21st 1710, We whose names are underwritten laid out a highway over Stony Brook at the lower end of High Street, which was granted by the Town March the 7th 1698-9, and entred in the 109th page of this Book, which highway was laid out by David Winchell Land Measurer, recorded in the 152^{d} Page of this book: (see p. 136) and again laid out by us, but not in the same manner as he laid it out; But in manner as followeth: Viz: Wee began on the west side of the brook, over against where the way comes to the brook on the other side, on the south side of this way by the brook is a great stubb of a tree; which tree was the west bounds of John Risings land, & the north bounds of Serj, Tho^{s} Huxleys land, two rod norward of this stubb is a stake and stones which is the bredth of said highway: from thence we run westward to a walnut tree which is on the south side, and is a north bound of said Huxley's land, where we marked a walnut bush with stones at the root of it. From thence we run westward about 20 Rods to stake and stones on both sides of the way: From thence it runs upon a strate line to the Country Road, or Road leading to Windsor, where it is bounded on both sides of the way with stake & stones; the stake on the south side of the way, standeth about two feet from the norwest corner of Jarret Huxley's House. (Old Book, p. 169.)

JOHN HANCHET.
JONATH TAYLOR.
JOSEPH WINCHILL.
JOHN BURBANK.
JOHN AUSTIN.
} Select Men.

HIGHWAY FROM IRELAND PLAIN, NORWARD TO BURLESON'S BROOK.

March y^{e} 31st 1710, Laid out a highway from y^{e} West end of Ireland Plain Norwardly, turning out of the new road that leads out to the mountains; it parts from said road, against the North East Corner of Quinton Stockwell's †Land where stands a stake, a bounder thereof on the West side. It is eight Rods in breadth to ‡ Freegrace Nortons land, and then it takes its whole breadth in full namely, eight Rods out of the West end of said Norton's Land, from the north of which it runs to a red oak tree markt on the four sides, which oak stands on the East side of the highway—thence turns and runs a strait course through Edward Smiths second division Land, to the Northeast corner of said Smiths first grant Land: Leaving said corner on the left hand—Thence it runs with a strait course through land now in possession of Edward Smith Jun^{r}, and

*Here was a ford, before 1660, on the "Way" between Springfield and Windsor. No bridge was ever built here. Here was the first fulling mill and "clothier's works," (perhaps the first in Connecticut), in 1710, and in operation for more than a century. Also a cotton yarn mill, one of the first in New England. It is yet an open highway, and the town's oldest landmark. Few of the "Town Folks" ever enter its portals. In summer the grass is green in its ancient roadbed, and what was a main thoroughfare two centuries ago, is now a solitary way, whose silence is seldom broken, except by the scream of the passing engine whistle. (See p. 8).

†This Land embraced all west from Collins B. Griffin's Land to the W. Suffield Hotel corner, and was 80 rods long, 40 rods wide and contained 20 acres.

‡This "Norton Land" has been a part of the homestead of the writer since 1843.

land laid out to Hezekiah Parsons to a little walnut staddle by which is set a great stone being on the East side of said Highway; thence it runs norwardly along the highest, best and fairest, and most feazable way for carting till it comes to the Brook, that is commonly called Burleson's Brook, butting upon said Brook a little Norward of Barber Meadow commonly so called where said Brook is stony. The said Highway being but four rods in breadth from Freegrace Norton's Land to the end thereof.* (Old Book, p. 171.)

Laid out By, JOHN HANCHETT. JONATHAN TAYLOR. JOHN BURBANK. JOSEPH WINCHILL. } Select Men.

HIGHWAY TO SPRINGFIELD.

The Highway that leads to Springfield from High Street, laid out by us the subscribers, 20 Rod in wedth from y^e^ allotment laid out to James Stevenson, to y^e^ Southwest corner of Serj Adams, his lot.

We marked severall trees on y^e^ North, or Northwest side of y^e^ said way, spotted next the Highway. The Southermost tree we marked is a red oak standing a little beyond where a highway turns out westward from Crooked Lane. About 40 rods onwards, we marked another red oak tree; and about 16 Rod beyond another, the next to which is a white oak, and the next is a red oak, and y^e^ next is a red oak, and the last is a white oak, these two last standing at y^e^ North East end, or going down of y^e^ hill next Serj Adams his house. (Old Book, p. 175.)

Dated December the 6^th^ 1710.

JONATHAN TAYLOR. JOHN HANCHET. JOSEPH WINCHILL. } Select Men.

At a Legall Town meeting, Jan y^e^ 9^th^ 17$\frac{1}{2}$ It was proposed to y^e^ Town, whether they would have the rules for Seating the House of God to be in y^e^ manner, and forme following: that is to say; first, and principally to have respect to Estate, 2^nd^ to age, 3^d^ something to improvement: which by a clear, and full vote past on y^e^ affirmative.

2^nd^. By a clear vote, Corp^ll^ Thomas Granger, Peter Roe, and Clerk Kent were chosen, for to seat y^e^ Meeting House.

It was agreed, and by a clear vote; to leave it with the Select men, and seaters to estimate the seats in the Meeting House, according to y^e^ best of their judgement; who made y^e^ following return:

THE RETURN OF THE SELECT MEN AND SEATERS ABOUT Y^R^ ESTIMATION OF Y^R^ SEATS.

†We whose names are underwritten, or subscribers, being by y^e^ Town imployed, and impowered to estimate y^e^ seats in the Meeting House; have according to y^e^ best of our Judgment done in y^e^ manner following. first, we es-

*The south portion of this highway across the Norton Land, was closed, after the road was opened from the Cong^l^ Meeting-House northerly, in 1833.

†The death of prominent men since 1702, required a new estimation and graduation of seats, suited to the inherited notions of rank and caste that prevailed in the humblest provincial town.

teem this fore flank seat, equall with y^e^ fourth seat in the body of the Meeting House. 2^nd^, We Esteem y^e^ hinder flank seat, equall with y^e^ 7^th^ seat in y^e^ Body.

3^d^ly. We esteem y^e^ fore seat in y^e^ Gallery to be equall with y^e^ 8^d^ seat below. 4^thly^. we esteem y^e^ fore flank seat in y^e^ gallery next y^e^ pulpit equall with the 5^th^ seat below. 5^th^ly, We esteem y^e^ fore flank seat, next y^e^ stairs; to be equall w^th^ y^e^ 6^th^ below. 6^th^, We esteem y^e^ 2^nd^ seat in y^e^ front gallery as a 9^th^ seat. 7^th^ y^e^ 2^d^ flank seat in y^e^ Gallery, next y^e^ pulpit; as tenth seat. 8^th^, we esteem y^e^ 2^d^ seat in y^e^ side Gallery, next y^e^ stairs; as an eleventh seat.

Dated in Sufficld January y^e^ 9^th^ 1710.

Select Men, { Joseph Winchill, John Hanchet, Jonathan Taylor, John Burbank, John Austin.

Seaters, Peter Roe, John Kent, Tho: Granger.

At a Legall Town Meeting, March the first, 17¼: It was agreed, and voted: by a clear (vote) of the Town; that they would be at y^e^ charge of a law suit with *Eleazer Gaylord, for y^e^ money due to the Town by a bill, by him given to y^e^ Select Men for his Trespass: only the men hereafter named, entred their decents against said vote. Jacob Adams, Deacon Hanchet, Benoni Banes, & John Stockwell.

2^nd^. It was agreed, and voted: by a full, and clear vote, to allow thirty shillings in pay, for defraying y^e^ charge of running the south line of our Township; when run by the Committee, appointed by y^e^ General Court for that purpose.

3^d^. It was agreed, and voted: That y^e^ Select Men should lay out a †Highway of four rods wide, from y^e^ Grangers field, to Muddy Brook by y^e^ falls; and so out westward threw the Township, where they shall think best considering all circumstances.

4^th^ly. Also; that y^e^ Select Men should lay out the ‡Highway that goes over by Nortons Bridge, out norward to Springfield Bounds four rods wide; where it may be most Convenient Considering all circumstances.

March the 12^th^, 17¼: Being a Great, and Generall Town Meeting for y^e^ choice of Town Officers, and ordering things of a Generall concern, Choice was made of y^e^ severall persons hereafter named, to their respective places of Trust.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constable—John Harmon.

Select Men—Capt Joseph Harmon, Serj Joseph Pumry, Ebenezer Burbank, Timothy Palmer, Joseph Remington.

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*Son of Walter, of Windsor.

†The laying-out of this road will be found under date of Feb. 27, 172¾. The Falls are at the bridge west of "Hastings Hill."

‡In 1705 a highway had been laid from Norton's bridge to the foot of Long Hill (now Hastings Hill), along the old Hampton path. This vote ordered its continuation to the present State line.

Surveyors of Highways—Corp[ll] Thomas Granger, John Rising, Robert Old, Samuell Halladay.

Tything Men—Ebenezer Smith, Jacob Adams Jun[r].

Fence Viewers—Benoni Banes, Samuell Remington, James King Jun[r], George Norton.

Sealer of Leather—Serj Jacob Adams.

Clerk of y[e] Market—Corp[l] Taylor.

Land measurer & Town Treasurer—Serj. Joseph Winchill.

Searchers, & gagers of casks—James King Sen[r], John Kent Sen[r], Jn[o] Burliss.

Assessors—Capt. Joseph Harmon, Serj Joseph Pumry, Joseph Remington.

1[st]. At this Generall Town Meeting y[e] Town agreed with y[e] Town Treasurer for his sallary to give him five shillings in money and seven shillings in pay for y[e] Insuing year.

2[nd]. The Town voted to allow John Kent Jun[r], John Trumble y[e] first, & George Norton, a private way to their meadows on Muddy Brook of 2 rods wide on y[e] South East Side of said Brook to y[e] High-way that goes over Nortons Bridge, where it may be most convenient, between Serj. Joseph Winchill's fence, and the Brook.

At a Legall Meeting of y[e] Inhabitants of Suffield May y[e] 14[th], 1711: It was agreed, voted that whereas there may be severall persons that have Grant of either first Grants, or second Division; and have neglected to have such Grant laid out; if such persons do not lay such Grants of Land within one month; then y[e] shall lay out such Grants to such Neglectors, and they not to have y[e] liberty to choose afterwards.

2[nd]. It was agreed, and voted: That whereas by grant of y[e] Committee, there is a Tract of Land to ly common between ffeather St, & y[e] Great River, for y[e] use of ffeather St, that there be an equal proportion laid out to y[e] rest of y[e] proprietors (with them) to ly common, on y[e] same conditions with ffeather Street Common.*

3[d]. By a clear vote, Deacon Hanchet, Deacon Taylor, Clerk Kent, Ensign Austin, & Serj. Winchill, were chosen for a Committee to lay out y[e] land, above voted to be lay'd out, in y[e] foregoing votes.

4[th]ly. By a clear vote, y[e] Town appointed Deacon Hanchet, Sert[t] Adams, & Samuell Hale, to lay out a Highway to y[e] lower end of feather Street, according to the Grant of y[e] Committee.

5[th]. It being proposed to y[e] Town, whether they would grant (a Highway,) or an open Highway to Feather Street down to y[e] common, towards Windsor, to the end of our bounds: And by a clear vote it past on y[e] negative.

6[th]ly. The request of the Inhabitants below Stony Brook is; that y[e] Town would grant us a way, or passage with gates, for Horse, or Team; which way, we desire that it may be laid out, where it may be most convenient for going to Meeting, and to Mill, where it now goes on y[e] Hill, or High land; which is y[e] request of Edmond Marshall, Sam'll Hale, James Hayward, John Marshall, Nathanaell Hamlin, Richard Woolery; Which request the Town by a clear vote granted.†

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* The "Lay out" will be found under date 1714; also see pp. 64, 65.

† See Highway, p. 174.

7th. For as much as Severall persons by reason of mistakes are wanting in their land; it was therefore agreed, and voted: that all such persons that as are Proprietors of land within this Township, who are thus wanting in their Measure, let y^e^ want therein be more or less as to quantity, the Select Men being certified thereof by y^e^ Town Measurer, upon his survey of such lands as are deemed to be wanting in their Measure. What y^e^ Measurer shall thus find wanting, the Measurer shall have order from y^e^ Select men to lay it out where it is free. The persons who are thus wanting in their land, being at y^e^ charge of surveying to find what is wanting, and y^e^ laying out of y^e^ same.

All y^e^ above written votes were given in to y^e^ Clerk to be Recorded under y^e^ Attest of JOSEPH HARMON,
Moderator.

1st. At a Legall Town Meeting January y^e^ 31st, 17$\frac{1}{2}$: for allowin a Town bill of charge: first, it was agreed, and voted: to allow those men that were assistant to the Hon^rd^ Committee appointed by y^e^ Generall Court to run y^e^ South Line of our Township, 2^s^, & 6^d^ p^r^ day, in pay.

2^nd^ly. By a clear vote y^e^ charge about James Gernsey * deceased, expended in his sickness, was allowed.

3^d^ly. Benjamin King, was allowed for going to y^e^ Bay, for Mr. Devotion thirty shillings in pay.

4^th^ly. James Hayward was allowed for going to y^e^ Bay with Mr. Devotion twelve Shillings in pay.

5^th^ly. Y^e^ Select Men were allowed for going up to Springfield, and for mending the pound.

6^th^ly. Joseph Harmon Jun^r^, was allowed twenty shillings in pay, for what he paid to Rates in this Town for his pole, when he wrought at Endfield.

7th. The charge of siezing Eliazer Gaylord was allowed.

8^th^ly. The Committees bill of 4£ as money, for their trouble in buying Land, and building an House for Mr. Devotion, being put to vote, past on y^e^ negative.

At a Great, and General Town Meeting, March y^e^ 10th, 17$\frac{1}{2}$: for y^e^ choice of Town Officers, and for ordering of things of a General Concern; and then choice was made of y^e^ severall persons hereafter named, to their severall places of Trust, as followeth:

Select Men—Serj. Jacob Adams, Corp^ll^ Thomas Granger, Clerk John Kent, James Younglove, John Austin.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constable—David Allen.

Town Treasurer, & Land Measurer—Serj Joseph Winchill.

Tything Men—John Remmington, Peter Roe.

Clerk of the Market—Deacon Jonathan Taylor.

Surveyors of Highways—John Rising, Timothy Palmer, Joseph Harmon Jun^r^, Tho: Granger Jun^r^, Peter Eastman.

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* He married Mary, the widow of Joseph Eastman, in 1698, and died Dec. 12, 1711. Savage says, "he had many quarrels with his wife, but probably no children by her."

Fence Viewers—John Huxley, Sam[ll] Younglove, Samuell Allin, John Burbank.

Searcher, & sealer, & gager of cask—James King Sen[r], Clerk J[no] Kent, John Burliss.

Sealer of Leather—Serj Jacob Adams.

Assessors—John Kent Sen[r], John Burbank, James Younglove.

At this Meeting, by a clear vote, * Martin Kelloge was seated in the Fore seat in the Meeting House. And for as much: as there was not time on this tenth of March, to finish all the work designed for, and proper to have been done at this Meeting: therefore, it was adjourned, to the last Munday of this Instant, March.

PROPRIETORS TO VOTE ABOUT LAND.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants, being the Generall Town Meeting by adjournment, on y[e] 31[st] day of March, 1712: It was agreed, and voted: That none should have a libertie of voting in any act respecting Land, but such as are Proprietors of first Grants, or purchasing Grants; and but one person to every Grant shall have libertie, or y[e] priviledge of voting in such acts.

* Martin Kellogg, son of Joseph, of Farmington, Conn., lived at Hartford, and afterward at Deerfield, where, in 1704, he, with his children, viz.: Martin, Joseph, Joanna, and Rebecca, aged respectively, 18, 12, 11, and 6 years, were captured by the French and Indians, and carried to Canada. After his release he bought the Homestead of Samuel Younglove in 1711, and settled in Suffield. This Homestead was on the north side of the road to West Suffield, west of the Winchell Bridge, on land now owned by Charles S. Bissell. The dwelling-house upon the hill, a little west of the bridge, disappeared about fifty years ago. He married a third wife in 1732, being then about 75 years old. He was a weaver by trade, and an honored inhabitant. No record of his death is found.

Martin, Jun[r], after several years' imprisonment, was redeemed, and in 1708 was again taken prisoner while with a scouting party, and again redeemed. He was remarkable for his courage and bodily strength. He was interpreter at the Indian Mission School, at Stockbridge, Mass., two years. He resided at Newington, Conn., and there died, Nov. 15th, 1755.

Joseph was a prisoner ten years, and became familiar with the languages and customs of all the Indian tribes, and was afterward the best interpreter New England had, being employed upon every important occasion. In 1714, he was persuaded to abandon a wild forest life among the Indians, and returned to his father's home in Suffield. In 1719, he bought the Winchell house-lot (South Corner High St., W. Suffield road), with a dwelling-house, for £100. He married Rachael Devotion (a sister of the minister), March 10th, 1720. Their sons, Jonathan and Martin, had families here, but after them the surname disappears from our records. He was made Captain in 1722, and his life was spent wholly in the public service. He was in command of scouting parties, guarding frontiers, was at Fort Dummer, on the Connecticut river, for many years, where two of his children were born, was at the Albany Treaty in 1754, and Commissioner to Canada, and other places. In 1756, though in feeble health, he accompanied General Shirley in the campaign of that year, as interpreter, as far as Schenectady, where he died and was buried A.D. 1756.

Joanna married an Indian chief, and bore him children, and could never be induced to return to civilization.

Rebecca, after a long captivity, returned, and married Benjamin Ashley of Westfield. She was employed as interpreter in Indian Mission Schools, and while thus engaged in the wilderness of Southern New York, died A.D. 1757.

For further history of this remarkable family, see Hist. of Northfield, and N. Y. Doc. Hist., Vol. 3.

2nd. It was agreed, and voted: That for y^e^ time to come y^e^ Choice of Assessors shall be by * papers, as for y^e^ Select men, and to be brought in together, and Every mans five votes for Select Men, shall be in one paper, hanging together, and their three Votes for Assessors, shall be in another paper, & hanging together: and that all such Votes, as shall be put in single, shall be cast out as Elegall.†

3d. It was agreed, and voted: that Rates in this Town for y^e^ future, shall be made by y^e^ List taken for the Countrey Rate.

4th. By a clear vote, the Town did declare, that they would allow but only lawfull Tole, or the 16th part of all Grain, for grinding of their Corn.

5th. It was agreed, and voted: to allow Thomas Copley an acre of land, to take up with other Land he hath to take up, which acre of Land is a recompence for Land he allows off of his Home Lott, for the Conveniency of the Bridge over Stoney Brook.

6th. By a clear vote y^e^ Town made Void that act passed May the fourteenth, 1711: entred page 129: S. y^e^ 1st, concerning the Committee laying out of Land to such persons as have neglected to lay out such Land, as by Grant did belong to them, and grant them two months from this meeting to lay out such land; and to have their Choice in y^e^ Commons; but if they shall neglect to lay out their Land within the two months above said; then they are to have no liberty to lay it out in any Common that shall be layed for the Town.

7th. It being proposed to the Town, whether they would add two men to the Committee Chosen to lay out y^e^ common, according to vote: passed in May 14th, 1711: and one y^e^ men to be of Feather Street, and the other of them below Stoney Brook, to joyn with y^e^ said Committee in laying out of the Commons. By a clear vote it past on the negative.

At a Legall Town Meeting May the 7th, 1712: It was agreed, and voted: by a clear vote, that, all such persons as have Land taken away by any Highway, or by being layed out upon any former Grant, they making complaint to y^e^ Select men: y^e^ Select men shall give order to y^e^ Land Measurer, to take a survey of y^e^ Land thus taken off; and to lay out to such persons, so much land in another place, where it is free, they showing y^e^ Land Measurer to his satisfaction, from y^e^ records, what their first bounds were. And y^e^ Select-men to allow reasonable satisfaction in Land, to such persons, for y^e^ damage done them by such Highways.

By a clear vote, Granted: to Thomas Copley Sen^r^, four acres, and an half of land; (to take up where it is free,) for a recompence for a Highway that was layed out, through said Copleys four acres of land, on y^e^ west side of Fylers Brook. Said Copley throwing up to y^e^ Town, y^e^ remainder of said four and half of land, which said Highway takes not.

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* Ballots.

† The Proprietors were slow to intrust the affairs of the town with their sons. For more than forty years they held, with a firm grip, the most important town offices.

*HIGHWAY FROM HIGH STREET, TO Y^E OLD MILL.

June the 12^th 1713. Layed out a Highway, or passage from High Street to y^e Old Mill, (or place where y^e Old Mill was formerly): And beginning at High Street, where we set Stake, and Stone on each side of said way; and from thence, to the Gutter by Scotts House, to stake, and stone on each side of y^e way; from thence, to y^e next Bridge, and from thence, to stake and Stone on each side of said way, about y^e middle of y^e long hill, commonly so called; and so along upon y^e ridge, to a young white Oake, marked, on y^e North side of y^e Highway, standing on y^e South West side of a deep hollow, on y^e top of y^e hill; and on y^e South side of y^e way, a black oak bush; and from thence, to a black oak, on y^e North side, and a stake and Stone, on y^e South side: From thence to a stake and, stone on the South side. and a little Eastward of y^e Gutter, at y^e East end of y^e Long Hill; and a white oak on y^e North Side. And from thence to y^e Gutter, on y^e West Side of Hoop Hill, on y^e west side of which Gutter, we set stake and Stone, on both sides of y^e Way. And on y^e East side of Hoop Hill, on y^e brow of it, is a White oak, on y^e south Side; and a yellow oak butt on y^e North Side, both marked: From thence to a young white oak, on y^e North Side, and a stake and stone on y^e South Side. From thence, to a black oak staddle, on y^e north side, and a yellow oak on y^e south side, west of Bush Hill; and so up to the brow of said hill, where we marked a White Oak on y^e West side, at y^e turn of y^e way: and a black oak on y^e East side. Then turning southward, along upon said Hill, toward y^e westward side of it, across all the lotts, till it falls in between the allotment laid out to †Capt Samuel Cross, and y^e Second division Laid out to Timothy Palmer: so between them, till it comes near to Stony Brook: Then turning Eastward, across a corner of said Palmer's Second Division, along where the old path goes down to where y^e Old Mill House stood: From thence to y^e old Road, or Highway, that runs through Feather Street, where at the Corner, or turn of y^e way, we marked a white oak on all four sides; and a black oak on y^e North Side of this way. Said Highway, or passage we lay'd out, Three rods wide, and from this way, we layed out a way of one rod and half wide, down to the mouth of Stoney Brook, near where y^e old path now goes. (Old Book, p. 185.)

HIGHWAY BELOW STONY BROOK.

Att the same tyme, was layed out a Highway, or passage for y^e Inhabitants, below Stony Brook, of one rod, and half wide. We turned out of the Highway that leads along on y^e East end, or front of y^e West range of Lotts, on the

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*See pp. 63, 71. Tradition has located the first Saw-Mill and Dam upon the site of the present Franklin Paper-Mill. This tradition, accepted as truth, (see p. 29,) I am obliged to reject. This highway-record proves that the old mill was where the Iron Works were afterward located. (See note page 152.) The Corn-Mill, attached to the Saw-Mill in 1677, appears to have been of little value, as ten years later the inhabitants complain, and Maj. Pynchon promises to build a Corn-Mill with house, &c. (See page 109.) This he did, and it formed in 1704, a part of the inventory of his Suffield estate. Its site was probably that of the present Boston-Neck Grist-Mill. His heirs sold the mill with its privileges in 1713, to James Lawton of Suffield. (Hampshire Co. Rec. Vol. D. p. 324.)

†Samuel Cross of Windsor had a Grant in 1671, but did not settle here. In 1703, forty acres of upland and swamp were laid out to him, and his heirs. He died in 1707.

South side of Stony Brook, going aslant across y^e^ front of James Haywards Lott, marking severall trees on the south side of the way, till it comes to y^e^ top of y^e^ Hill, against y^e^ Iron Works; and slanting down y^e^ Hill, to y^e^ turn of y^e^ River (or Stoney Brook) where it turns off of y^e^ Hill, across a little hollow, onto y^e^ fair Intervall Land in said Hawards Lott; and over a little Brook, where y^e^ path used to pass over it, and so along between the Hill, and Stoney Brook, where it is best for the way, till it comes to James Haywards House.* And then turning up y^e^ Hill, on y^e^ backside of said Haywards House, through said Haywards Land, and y^e^ rest of y^e^ allotments, till it comes to, and passes over Stoney Brook, a little below y^e^ Cornmill.† From thence through y^e^ lots, to y^e^ Highway, or passage to y^e^ Old Mill, entering into it, a little West of y^e^ Wett Land, on y^e^ west end of y^e^ Long Hill. Said way is laid out for y^e^ most part of y^e^ way, where y^e^ path now goes. There are trees marked on both sides of this way, facing y^e^ way, and said way to be a rod, and half wide, from said trees so marked.

By

JACOB ADAMS.
THOMAS GRANGER SEN^r^.
JOHN KENT SEN^r^.
JOHN AUSTIN.
JAMES YOUNGLOVE.
} Select Men.

Y^e^ COPPER OAR TO BE LEASED OUT.

1^st^. At a Legal Town Meeting October y^e^ 17^th^, 1712: Clerk, John Kent, was chosen Moderator for this Meeting, by a clear vote.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted: to lease out to y^e^ Hon^ed^ Collon^ll^ Partridg of Newbery, all y^e^ Copper Mines within our Township; within y^e^ undivided Land, for Eight years, upon such terms as y^e^ Town shall agree upon.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted: to leave it with the Select men to agree with, and lease out to y^e^ Hon^ed^ Collonell Partridge of Newbery; all y^e^ Copper Mines that are, or may be discovered within our Township, in y^e^ undivided Land, to improve for Eight years from y^e^ Date hereof.

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‡ At a legall Town Meeting October y^e^ 22^nd^, 1712: By a clear vote: Deacon John Hanchet was chosen Moderator, to carry on y^e^ affairs of this Meeting.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted: to Lease out to y^e^ Hon^ed^ Collonell William Partridg of Newberry; all y^e^ Mine or Mines within our Township, in y^e^ undivided Land for forty years from y^e^ Date hereof; Iron mine only accepted.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted: to leave it with a Committee of these men to Lease out Said Mines.

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* James Hayward (or Howard) and Mary, daughter of Edward Allyn, were published January 6th, and married January 25, 170¾. Children were, Mary, born April 23, 1706; Joseph, born October 1, 1707; Ebenezer, born January 25, 1710; James, born, December 7, 1712.

† This Mill was built by Maj. Pynchon, in accordance with his answer to the town in 1687. (See note on preceding page.)

‡ No lease of the Copper Mines, under these votes, appears to have been consummated. See Sept. 9, 1713, p. 183.

4thly. It was agreed, and voted: or By a clear vote; the Town made choice, of John Kent Sen^{r}, James Younglove, & John Austin, for their Committee to Lease out y^{e} said mines.

5thly. The Town by a clear, and full vote did leave with, and fully inpower John Kent Sen^{r}, John Austin, and James Younglove; their said Committee in y^{e} Town's behalf, & for y^{e} Town, and to their use, to agree with, and Lease out to y^{e} Hon^{red} Collonel William Partridg of Newberry all y^{e} Mine, or Mines within our Township, in y^{e} undivided Land (Iron Mine only accepted), for Eight years for a sum of money certain; and for Thirty Two years for a Certain part of y^{e} Income, and what y^{e} said Committee shall doe, in Leasing out said Mines, we doe hereby allow, & confirm as good to all Intents, & purposes: as if we, ourselves had done it. The above written votes were given in to be recorded under y^{e} attest of

JOHN HANCHET, Moderator,

JOHN KENT, } Select
JAMES YOUNGLOVE. } Men.

HORSE HOUSES.

At a legall Town meeting Dec. y^{e} 18th, 1712: First. The Town by a clear vote, gave Liberty to any persons who are so minded, to Build a Horse House, or Houses, near y^{e} Meeting House, for Horses to stand in, at publick times.

*A VOTE FOR MOVING Y^{e} SCHOOLL.

2ndly. It was agreed, and voted: that y^{e} school shall be kept in four parts of y^{e} Town; viz: in High Street, Feather Street, Crooked Lane, & in y^{e} West Division, & to be kept a year at a time in each Division.

3rdly. It was agreed, and voted: by a clear vote that y^{e} above written votes respecting y^{e} Schooll shall be carried to y^{e} next Court of Quarter Sessions of y^{e} peace, at Northampton, for their Approbation, & Confirmation.

4thly. The Town by a clear vote: did agree to choose two men to Reccon with y^{e} Town Treasurers; and to recover y^{e} money for y^{e} Town which they find due, and shall make up the Recconings y^{e} next Monday.

5thly. By a clear vote John Kent Sen^{r}, & James Younglove, were chosen to make up the Reconings with y^{e} Treasurers.

6thly. It was agreed, & voted: by a clear vote, to prosecute those persons that Trespass upon our Township, in a course of Law, as Criminall Offenders in y^{e} Queens Behalf.

7thly. The Committee chosen by y^{e} Town at their Meeting, Decem: y^{e} 22nd, 1709: to act, & mannage for, and in y^{e} Towns behalf, in buying Land, and building and House for a minister; at this present Meeting proposed to y^{e} Town to allow them for their Committeeship 24^{s} apiece in money: which proposal y^{e} Town by a vote refused to allow, but instead thereof, by a clear vote, granted them a third more in Town pay.

8thly. It was agreed, and voted: by a clear vote: That y^{e} school shall be next kept in Feather Street, one year; and then one year next after, in Crooked Lane, and then next one year in y^{e} West Division, and so to High Street again.

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* See vote March 25th, 1713.

At a great and generall Town Meeting March y^{e} 9th, 17$\frac{11}{12}$: for the choice of necessary Town Officers, for the year Insuing; at which Meeting Choice was made of y^{e} several persons hereafter named, to their severall places of Trust, as followeth; viz:

THOMAS SMITH SEN^{R}, SAMUEL KENT SEN^{R}, PETER ROE, JOHN BURBANK, SAMUEL YOUNGLOVE. } Select Men.

Constable—George Norton.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Town Treasurer, & Land Measurer—Joseph Winchill.

Tything Men—Thomas Granger Sen^{r}, Anthony Austin, Jacob Adams Junr.

Clerk of the Market—Jonathan Taylor.

Fence Viewers—Benjamin Reminton, John Kent Junr, James King Jun^{r}, John Hanchet Jun^{r}.

Surveyers of Highways—James Lawton, Samuel Kent Jun^{r}, William Halladay, Abraham Adams.

Searchers, sealers, & gagers of casks—James King Sen^{r}, John Kent Sen^{r}, John Burliss.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams Sen.

At this Generall Town Meeting first, It was agreed, and voted: That John Kent Sen^{r}, shall hold his Northeast Corner Bound, in his twenty acres of Second Division against John Harmons, as it was s^{d} by y^{e} Land Measurer; notwithstanding y^{e} record of y^{e} Highway.

2nd. The Town by a clear vote, granted to Samuel Kent Junr, a strip of Land lying between y^{e} Land which y^{e} Town gave him for keeping School, and y^{e} Land that he had of Jonathan Remington. The said strip of Land lyeth on y^{e} East side of woolf pitt Brook; and is Granted to recompence him for Land taken off by y^{e} Highway, on the Northwest Corner of y^{e} Land, that was Jonathan Remingtons above said.

3^{d}. The Town by a clear vote Granted to Benjamin Gillett a strip of Land off of y^{e} South side of y^{e} Highway, that lyeth north of his house; so as that y^{e} Highway shall extend in wedth no farther than to the North side of his House, and from said House, y^{e} said Highway is to increase in breadth as it goes Westward, so as to have its full wedth, at twenty rods end, from said House.

4th. It was agreed, and voted: That y^{e} Select Men shall from year, to year sometime in the month of June, (next after their time is out) make up accounts with y^{e} Treasurer for all Rates committed to the Constable in their own year, and to see all accounts cleared, and to bring their accounts to y^{e} Town the next Meeting.

At a Legall Town Meeting, March y^{e} 25th, 1713: The Town by a clear vote: granted the Widow Pumrey, one pound, fifteen shillings, for her Husband's care and trouble as a Committee man for building, and finishing Meeting House.

2ndly. The Town by a clear vote Granted to y^{e} Heirs of Cap^{t} Austin deceased, Twenty Shillings for his Committeeship for the Meeting House.

3^{d}. It was agreed, voted, by a Clear vote; that y^{e} Schooll shall be kept in High Street.

SCHOLL TO BE KEPT IN HIGH STREET.

4th. It was agreed, and voted: That there shall be one good School constantly kept in High street, and that there shall none goe to this School, untill they are six years of age, nor then neither, except they be so farr Entred in learning, as to spell Indifferantly in y^e^ primer.

5thly . By a clear vote, granted to James Younglove, five acres of land at y^e^ turn of Stony Brook, on the north side of it, if it be free; if not in some other place where it is free.

6th. The Town by a clear vote Granted to Mr. Ebenezer Devotion Twenty acres of Land.

7th. It was agreed, voted: by a Clear vote, that the Committee chosen to lay out y^e^ Towns Commons, shall finish their work by the middle of Aprill next.

8th. The Town by a Clear vote, granted, and ordered, That there shall be a *Highway, eight rods wide, on y^e^ South side of Stony Brook, by Matthew Copleys, on y^e^ north side of his lot: and so to Taintors Hill, and as far further as shall be thought needfull.

9thly. It was agreed, and voted, That all such as are present Inhabitants, and Proprietors that have not had any Land given them by the Town, nor their predcsessours, amounting to five acres apiece for such of their children as are proprietors, and bear Charge in y^e^ Town, or such as have Land upon record more than they have had Grant of, shall have five acres apiece.

10thly. At this Meeting, Joseph Fuller craved liberty of y^e^ Town to lay down his 25 acres of Second Division lying by Springfield Bounds, on y^e^ East side of Fylers Brook, and to take it up elsewhere; Ingaging to be at all neccessary charge, for making sure to y^e^ Town y^e^ Land which he lays down: which proposall y^e^ Town by a clear vote granted.

11thly. Granted to Samuel Roe, five acres of Land.

12thly. Granted to Josiah Kent, five acres of land.

13thly. Lastly it was agreed, voted by a clear vote: That every person accounted, and excepted as free and Legall Voters, shall attend all Town meetings, being duly warned thercunto, on y^e^ penalty of 2^s^ & 6^d^ in Town pay, for every neglect (of attendance), except y^e^ person so neglecting, can give a satisfying reason of his absence at that time, to y^e^ Select men, or y^e^ major part of them; who are by this act impowered to accept their reasonable excuses, and on y^e^ non acceptance; to prosecute, and recover such fines in a way of Law. And y^e^ Town Clerk shall keep a List of all such voter's names, and call them all Distinctly at the beginning of every such meeting, and every person not answering when called; shall pay 6^d^ for not seasonablie attending according to appointment; to be recovered in manner aforcsaid.

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†Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Aprill the 2nd, 1718: The Town by a full, and Clear vote, Gave unto the severall persons hereafter named, Land as followeth, viz:

To Edmund Marshall, ten acres and an half.

To Samuel Hall, ten acres and an half.

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*This Way was used at an early period, but not laid out until 1727.

†The grants of land made at this and the preceding meeting were annulled by an act of the County Court, Jan'y 10th, 1716.

To Richard Woollery seven acres and an half.
To James Hayward seven acres and an half.
To Timothy Palmer seven acres and an half.
To Samuel Palmer thirteen acres.
To Benjamin King seven acres and an half.
To Fearnot Burliss five acres and an half.
To Nathan[ll] Austin seven acres and an half.
To John Austin seven acres and an half.
To John Burliss seven acres and an half.
To William Halladay four acres.
To Samuel Halladay four acres.
To Benoni Banes seven acres and an half.
To Samuel Remington six acres and an half.
To Benja Remington six acres and an half.
To John Burbank seven acres and an half.
To Peter Eastman seven acres and an half.
To Samuel Allin four acres and an half.
To David Allin five acres and an half.
To Jacob Adams Jun. six acres and an half.
To John Pengilly eight acres and an half.
To Ebenezer Burbank nine acres and an half.
To Samuel Granger five acres and an half.
To Samuel Kent Sen[r] eight acres and an half.
To Joseph Winchill five acres and an half.
To Samuel Younglove five acres and an half.
To Thomas Huxley eight acres.
To Jonath: Winchill Jun. two acres and an half.
To Peter Roe fourteen acres.
To William Spencer five acres and an half.
To Anthony Austin eight acres.
To Joseph Remington eight acres and an half.
To James King Jun[r] nine acres and an half.
To Samuel Copley seven acres.
To Timothy Hale five acres and an half.
To John Rising six acres and an half.
To James Barlow five acres and an half.
To Ichabod Smith seven acres and an half.
To Samuel Gillit seven acres and an half.
To Martin Kellogg five acres and an half.
To David Winchill Sen[r] five acres.
To Jacob Adams Sen[r] seventeen acres.
To Daniel Adams two acres and an half.
To Abraham Adams four acres and an half.
To Victory Sikes six acres and an half.
To Thomas Granger Sen[r] eight acres.
To Thomas Smith seven acres and an half.
To Benjamin Allin five acres and an half.
To Caleb Allin four acres and an half.
To John Smith five acres and an half.
To Jonathan Taylor seven acres and an half.

To Thomas Granger Junr two acres and an half.
To Nathanl Warner two acres and an half.
To Thomas Taylor two acres and an half.
To Samuel Sikes seven acres.
To John Stockwel four acres.
To Samuel Lane six acres and an half.
To James King Senr seven acres and an half.
To Edward Burliss three acres and an half.
To John Remington six acres and an half.
To Jonath: Remington seven acres and an half.
To John Trumble ye 1st five acres and an half.
To Joseph Fuller six acres and an half.
To Deacon John Hanchet eight acres.
To John Hanchet Junr six acres and an half.
To George Granger six acres and an half.
To Abraham Granger five acres and an half.
To John Kent Senr seven acres.
To Richard Austin seven acres and an half.
To John Huxley seven acres and an half.
To Robert Old seven acres and an half.
To John Warner five acres and an half.
To Samuel Spencer five acres and an half.
To James Lawton ten acres.
To George Norton six acres and an half.
To Freegrace Norton two acres and an half.
To Thomas Copley five acres.
To Samuel Hale five acres and an half.
To Josiah Hale seven acres and an half.
To Ebenezer Smith two acres and an half.
To Matthew Copley six acres.
To Jarret Huxley five acres.
To Nathl Hamlin six acres.
To Hezekiah Parsons five acres.
To David Winchill Jun. five acres.
To Benjamin Winchill two acres and an half.
To John Harmon two acres and an half.
To Samuel Harmon two acres and half.
To Benjamin Gillit three acres and half.
To Nathaniel Harmon eight acres.
To Samuel Kent Jun. eight acres and half.
To Thomas Kent two acres and an half.
To Matthew Towsley four acres and half.
To Edward Smith Senr three acres and half.
To John Trumble ye 2nd two acres and half.
To Capt. Joseph Harmon twelve acres.
To Joseph Harmon two acres and an half.
To Ebenezer Harmon two acres and half.
To James Younglove four acres and an half.
To John Kent Jun. seven acres and an half.
To Ellezer Stockwel five acres.

To Jonath Winchill Sen. eight acres and half.
To Edward Smith Jun. two acres and half.
To Joseph Trumble two acres and an half.
To Samuel Trumble two acres and an half.

Provided: Nevertheless, that if any person, or persons as have at this Meeting had gifts of Land; have formerly had gifts, or grants of y^e^ Town amounting to y^e^ Number of acres now given; it shall now be accounted as their proportion of Land now given; or if any of their predecessours have had former grants, or Land upon Record, or they themselves have land upon Record, which they have no grant off, amounting to y^e^ number of acres of Land now given to them, and their Children, or successours, it shall be accounted as their part of what is now given. And where persons have had grants of Land, or that have land upon record as above exprest, that doth not come up to y^e^ number of acres given as above said, what they have had, shall be accounted as part of this gift; and the remainder to be made up to them out of y^e^ Commons as others have: provided: allso, There is nothing in this vote Intended, or any waise to be considered to have any respect to what was granted to any person y^e^ Last Meeting.

2^nd^ly. The Town by a clear vote: granted Lieu^t^ Pengilly liberty to Lay down his Second Division Land, lying west of Springfield road, and north of Serj Adams, his House; And to take it by his Meadow, and to be at all charge to make sure y^e^ Land to y^e^ Town which he throws up.

3^d^ly. Granted to James King Sen^r^ Liberty to lay down part of his Second Division Land at y^e^ east end of it, and to take it up on the North side in y^e^ Land that Joseph Fuller layd Down, and he be at all Necessary charge. to make sure to the Town what land he lays down.

4^th^ly, And Lastly. It was agreed, and voted: That there shall be none of y^e^ Land that was granted at this last Meeting, nor the Last meeting Laid out, untill there be a Meeting for Chusing a Representative, except there be a Meeting sooner, and Notice given in y^e^ Warning that there is something to be done about said Land. James Younglove, and Samuel Kent Jun^r^, entred their Decents against this Last vote.

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*March y^e^ 16^th^, 1713: To John Austin Town Clerk; these are to desire you to enter y^e^ persons after exprest as sworn to y^e^ respective offices, before us y^e^ present Select men, viz: GEORGE NORTON, Constable.

Tything Men.—Thomas Granger Sen^r^, Anthony Austin.

Surveyors of High ways.—James Lawton, Samuel Kent Jun^r^, Abraham Adames, William Halladay.

Fence Viewers—John Kent Jun^r^, John Hanchet Jun^r^, James King Jun^r^, Benj. Remington.

Select Men.—Peter Roe Sen^r^, Thomas Smith, Samuel Younglove, John Burbank, Samuel Kent, Sen^r^.

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*The Province Laws of 1692–3 required that all town officers be sworn This is the first record that it was done in Suffield.

Att a Legall Town Meeting, May y^e^ 14^th^, 1713:

1^st^. It was agreed, and voted: to send a man to Boston, to fetch such Copies, as are needfull for managing our present Concern, Respecting our Township.

2^nd^. It was agreed, and voted: by a Clear vote, That there shall be none of the Land that was Granted at y^e^ two preceding Meetings, laid out, till there be a Meeting warn^d^ on purpose.

3^dly^. James Younglove, Samuel Remington, Benjamin Remington, John Kent Jun^r^, Samuel Kent Jun^r^, and John Austin, Entred their Decents against y^e^ preceeding vote.

3^dly^. It was agreed, and voted: by a Clear vote y^t^ the Highway, or Road to Windsor, through or untill it pass ye Bounds of our Township; shall not be Restrained to any Certain breadth: but shall be Bounded by y^e^ antient abutments of those Lotts returned; butting upon both y^e^ East, and West side thereof, and that y^e^ Select Men shall lay out y^e^ said Highway, or road from Stony Brook to our south bounds, and make a return thereof to be put upon Record.

4^thly^. The Town by a Clear vote: did accept of what the Committee, chosen for to Reccon with y^e^ Treasurers; have done in that matter, or affair, as it is entred in y^e^ Select Mens Book.

1^st^. At a Legall Town Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, July y^e^ 31^st^, 1713 The Town by a full, & Clear vote, agreed to send a man to Boston, to see what may be don; and to act for y^e^ Town, anything that may be proper Respecting our present Difficulties in Referance to our Township.

2^ndly^. The Town by a full, and Clear vote; made choice of James Younglove, to go to Boston, their agent to manage for y^e^ Town as above said.

At a Legal Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, Aug 19^th^, 1713: The Town by a full, and Clear vote did order and impower, y^e^ Select men to meet with y^e^ Gentlemen that are appointed to run, and settle y^e^ South Bounds of our Township; to se how they run y^e^ said Bounds, and if they act therein Contrary to our Ancient Grant, Bounds, and Confirmation: Then to give in their objections, and Reasons against the same; either by themselves, or others whome they shall appoint.

2^ndly^. One of y^e^ Surveyors Desiring y^e^ Select men to lay out, and settle the Highway, or Street in High Street, y^e^ Breadth of s^d^ Highway not being upon Record: y^e^ Select men proposed it to y^e^ Town, whether then, by their vote, they would State s^d^ Highway, or defer it until another Town Meeting; it then being night, so that a vote could not be drawn up, so as might be most suitable in that Case, according to its circumstances. And y^e^ Town by a Clear vote, did manifest it to be their minds, to have it left till another Meeting.*

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*The breadth of High street was not stated until 1731.

MINES TO BE LEASED OUT.

Att a Leagal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Sept the 9th, 1713; The Town, by a Clear vote, did agree to lease out the Mines, and Minnerals that are, or shall be found within our Township, in y^e^ undivided Land.

2^ndly^. It was agreed, and voted: to leave it with, and to Impower three men as the Towns Agents, or a Committee to act for the Town, and According to their Instructions in Leasing out y^e^ Mines, and Minnerals as above said.

3^d^. Upon further consideration the Town by a Clear vote, agreed to have a Committee of five men for Leasing out y^e^ said Mines, and Minerals.

4^th^. The Town by their full, and Clear votes made Choice of Jacob Adams Sen^r^, John Kent Sen^r^, John Burbank, James Younglove, and John Austin, to be their Agents, or Committee to Lease out y^e^ Mines & Minerals within y^e^ Township, in the undivided Land.

NAMES OF Y^e^ COMMITTEE & THEIR POWERS.

5^th^. The Town by a full, and Clear vote did leave it with, and fully impower the above named Jacob Adams, John Kent, John Burbank, James Younglove, and John Austin, as their * Agents, Committee or Attorneys, in the name on y^e^ behalf, and to the use of y^e^ Town, to Lease out y^e^ Copper Mines or any other Mines or Minnerals that are, or shall hereafter be found on, or within y^e^ Mountains on y^e^ West part of our Township, together with such other accommodations as may be needfull for the carrying on y^e^ improvement of y^e^ said Mines, and Minnerals to y^e^ Hon^ble^ William Partridge of y^e^ Town of Newberry in y^e^ province of y^e^ Massachusets Bay in New England; and to John Eliot of y^e^ Town of Windsor in y^e^ Colony of Connecticut, in New England afore s^d^ Esquires; and to their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, upon such Considerations, and for such term of time, as they said Committee shall judge best for y^e^ Intrest of y^e^ Town.

At a Legall Town meeting December the 4th, 1713

1^st^. It was agreed, and voted, That the bridge over Stoney Brook should not be raised this Winter, but Deferred till a better season.

2^nd^. The Town by a Clear vote: Granted, Twenty Two pounds in money to be raised for the Scooll Master, for his keeping Scooll.

3^d^. It was agreed, and voted: To raise nine pounds in money, towards defraying the charge of Building a Bridge † over Stony Brook, in the Country road.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, January y^e^ 29th, 17$\frac{1}{2}$: It was agreed, and voted: by a Clear vote, That the Town would be at the charge, that is got to be expended in geting the money that is due to the Town, for Mr. Mathers fine.

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*These agents leased the Copper Hill mines, but the lease was invalid. The Conn. General Court, in 1709 authorized the Proprietors of Simsbury, to work the lately discovered Copper Mine there. This was in disputed territory, which was in 1713 confirmed to Simsbury, as being within its original grant, made in May, 1670, (prior to Suffield's grant,) and extending 10 miles North from Farmington. Its N. E. corner bound was the present N. E. bound of E. Granby, near the North end of Round Hill. (See Note, p. 157.)

† See Note, p. 159.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Feb y^e^ 11^th^, 17½: It was agreed, and voted, That all Town Assessments, shall be made in the month of October, yearly.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted, That the Town Treasurer should have five shillings a year in money for his sallery, and no more.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted, That there shall be a Moderatour chosen by the Town, as the Select Men are, and brought in, in papers with the votes for y^e^ Select men.

4^th^ly. It was agreed, and voted, That the Town Clerk shall have no sallery, but his Lawfull fees.

5^th^ly. It was agreed, and voted; That whoso Doth accept of a Town Clerks Office shall make all Records, and give all Copies Referring to Town, or publick Concerns, without fees. John Austin Entred his Decent against this vote.

6^th^ly. That the vote Refering to Proprietour voting but one to a Grant, shall be of none effect.

7^th^ly. That in all Town Meetings, no vote shall stand in any force or virtue that is lead, or made after the sun is set. Entred by order of

PETER ROE,
SAM^LL^ KENT,
SAM^LL^ YOUNGLOVE, } Select Men.

At a Legall Town Meeting, January y^e^ 29^th^, 17½:

It was agreed, and voted, That those persons that have had Land given them in the Spring last past, should now have liberty to take it up. Entred by order of,

PETER ROE,
SAM^LL^ KENT,
SAM^LL^ YOUNGLOVE, } Select Men.

At a General or Anneversary Town Teeting for y^e^ Choice of Town Officers, March y^e^ 8^th^, 17½: Choice was made of Officers, as followeth, viz:

SER^r^ JACOB ADAMS,
*BENONI BANES,
JOSEPH WINCHILL,
EBENEZER BURBANK,
& THOMAS COPLEY, } Select Men.

Moderatour.—John Austin.

Assessors.—Joseph Winchell, John Burbank, & John Austin.

Town Clerk.—John Austin.

Town Treasurer, and Land Measurer.—Joseph Winchell.

Tything Men.—Ichabod Smith, Samuel Allin, J^no^ Remington.

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* In 1690, Benoni Banes (Planter) bought Timo: Eastman's 50 acre Grant in Feather st., with a dwelling house thereon, for £40. "Goodman" Banes held many town offices, and died June 8th, 1738. His wife Hepzibah, died Oct. 12th, 1741. No children recorded. This surname is unique, and his origin unknown.

Clerk of the Market.—Deacon Jonathan Taylor.

Searchers, & Sealer, & Gager of Cask.—James King Sen^{r}, John Kent, John Burleson.

Sealer of Leather.—Jacob Adams.

Surveyors of Highways.—John Rising, Nathaniel Harmon, Daniel Adams, & Samuel Palmer.

Fence Viewers.—Josiah Hale, Samuel Copley, Abraham Adams, & Caleb Allen.

Constable.—Jared Huxley.

At this Meeting, it was agreed, and voted, to give Deac. Jonathan Taylor forty shillings as money, for his Committeeship, with respect to y^{e} Meeting House.

Town Officers sworn, March y^{e} 15th, 1714: Caleb Allen, Abraham Adams, & Samuel Allen.

March y^{e} 9th, Jared Huxley, Constable.

March y^{e} 8th, Ichabod Smith, Daniel Adams, & John Rising,

March y^{e} 17th, Josiah Hale, Sam^{ll} Copley, sworn fence viewers.

March 8th, Joseph Winchill, John Burbank, & John Austin, Sworn Assessors.

April y^{e} 5th, John Remington, sworn.

JACOB ADAMS,
EBENEZER BURBANK,
THOMAS COPLEY,
} Select Men.

At a Legal Town Meeting, March y^{e} 22nd, 17$\frac{1}{4}$:

1st. It was agreed, and voted to give *Mr. Nathaniel Griswold, Twenty-Eight pounds in money, for his keeping Scooll this year ensuing.

2ndly. That all votes of the Town, shall be written in the Meeting where they are voted: And also read to the Town, and that all votes of the Town which the Select Men cannot Attest to be so written, and Read in the Meeting, and signified to The town Clerk in their order to Entre them that they were so written, & read: shall be illeagal, and not to be put upon Record.

3^{d}. That the Select Men from time to time shall sign no votes to the Land Measurer, to lay out Land to any person, but what they have good satisfaction from the Record; such persons have a Legal Right unto.

4th. Neither shall they sign any of the Land Measurers Returns to the Town Clerk to be put into the Record; but what by the Record they do judge to be Legal to be put there, and that when notes come in to be Recorded, the Town Clerk doth judge them not fit, or Legal to be Recorded, he shall suspend the Recording of them, till the matter be decided between himself, and the Select men, and in case they agree not; Then to be Decided by the proprietors at their Meeting.

Forasmuch: as there hath been many Errours Committed by the Select Men in the year past, or by the major part of them by their Irregular manner of giving order to y^{e} Land Measurer (Contrary to the Custom of the Town) for

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*Ens. Nathl., of Poquonoc.

Laying out of Land; given, or granted in the Spring 1713, at two Meetings as appears by the Land Measurers returns, some of which Returns said Select Men have given their order to y^e^ Town Clerk to Record, and others being given in, without their order to Record, and all vehemently urged to be put upon Record, which if done, and be forced so to stand, will be very unjust, and a wrong to the proprietors: Persons having thereby Land upon Record which they have no Grant of, or right unto.

For the preventing of such irregular, and unjust Records being made in y^e^ Town book: The Town by a Clear vote did manifest their dislike of said proceedings, of said Select Men, and also order, that there shall be no Records made in the Town Book, of any of the Land that was Given or Granted to any person at y^e^ Town Meetings on the Twenty fifth of March, and on y^e^ 2^nd^ of Aprill in the year 1713: Nor any more orders be given by the Select Men to lay out any of said Land untill such time, as y^e^ proprietors shall at a proprietors meeting Consult, and Conclude some proper Method Respecting said Land, to prevent the unreasonable, & unjust practices which are now managed, tending to the Desturbing the peace, and Intrest of the Town: And to stand by, and Indemnifie the Select Men, and Town clerk in their suspending Recording or giving out orders for Laying out said Land, untill the proprietors have Concluded the matter as afore said.

Entred by order of John Austin Moderatour, and Jacob Adams, Benoni Banes, Ebenezer Burbank, Thomas Copley, Joseph Winchell, Select Men.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, July y^e^ 19^th^, 1714: It was agreed, and voted by a clear vote to be at the Charge of sending to his Excellency Frances Nicolson Esq^r^, Governour of Nova Scotia &c., at Boston, or elsewhere in this province, or New Hampshire; to enform him of our Difficulties, and wrong Respecting our Township by the late settlement by the Commitioner, and also to Crave his advice, and assistance in that Matter: And allso to be at charge of procuring Copies, or any other writings that the Select men may judge to be necessary in that behalf.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted: to impower, and they do hereby impower the Committee formerly chosen to Lease the mines to Colonel William Partridge, of Newbery, Esq^r^: and John Eliot of Windsor, Esq^r^, to lease out all their Right, and Interest of, in, or unto any Mines, or Minnerals within this Township, within the undivided Land unto his Excellency Frances Nicolson Esq^r^, and to John Eliot of Windsor Esq^r^, if there be occation for it.

3^d^ly. It was agreed, and voted, to advise with Mr. Eliot; whether it be best to make our application to Collonel Nicolson, respecting our difficulties by the late settlement of our Township, and to se whether he will resign up the deed, or *Lease of the Mines, and Minnerals, within this Township, in the undivided Land, given to himself, and Colonel Partridge, and accept of a Lease from y^e^ Town to Colonel Nicolson, and himself; and that they will act according to his advice, in case he resign up said Lease, and give his advice.

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*See Town Vote Sept. 9th, 1713.

At a Legall Town Meeting January 4th, 17¼:

1st. It was agreed, and voted; That the Towns Newest * Law Book be yearly kept by such one of the Select Men, as shall live nearest the Centure of y^e^ Town, and there to be for y^e^ free use of any of the Town; but not to be Carryed from place to place.

2nd. It was agreed, and voted That the Towns other law book shall be for y^e^ use of y^e^ Constable for y^e^ time being, that is to say; to be kept by such Constable for his, and y^e^ Town use.

3dly. That there be Twenty shillings in money, Raised for Mr. † Joseph Smith, to compensiate him for Dispensing the Word of God to us one Sabbath, some years ago.

4th. That the Select Men shall give Order for the Assessing of the Town, for so much as ‡ Mr. Atherton Mather can give them good satisfaction is his due; for serving, and Representing the Town at a Sessions of the General Court, in february Last.

5thly. That John Warner should be allowed Two Shillings and Eight pence, for seting up fence upon y^e^ Ministry Lot, which he never had satisfaction for.

6thly. That James Younglove should be allowed Two Shillings for going to Springfield, on the Towns business.

7thly. That Jared Huxleys Constable Sallery should be paid in money with a Third abatement.

The above written votes having been written, & read in y^e^ Meeting, where they were voted: we order to be put upon Record.

JACOB ADAMS,
EBENEZER BURBANK, } Select Men.
JOSEPH WINCHELL,

COMMONS.

Laid out by us the Subscribers, pursuant to a Grant of this Town, (made in May the 14th, 1711, see p. 170,) unto part of y^e^ proprietors thereof, Certain Tracts of Land to ly as a perpetual Common, for the use and benefit of y^e^ proprietors, intended in said Grant. The description of which Land with its Bounds and limits are as followeth: the first parcel, is scituate East of the Road that leads to Springfield, taking in all y^e^ free Land that lyeth between the North side of Ebenezer Burbanks Home lott, and y^e^ above said Road. A second parcel lyeth on y^e^ East Side of Fylars Brook, Comprising all the Land that is free from said Brook, Eastward to the Hill called Stevensons, Extending North and South from Springfield Bounds, to Samuel Kents meadow, and y^e^ South end of y^e^ Hill called Glovers Hill, taking in together withall y^e^ Land which John Pengilly exchanged with y^e^ Town. A third parcel is between Muddy Brook, & Fylers Brook, taking in all y^e^ Land that is free between y^e^ said Brooks, from Springfield Bounds, to Bushes Bridge on y^e^ East side: and from Springfield Bounds, to John Kents meddow on y^e^ West Side: ex-

* This was the edition of 1714. A copy of it was given to each Town in the Province. Now a rare book. (See Note, p. 164.)

† Minister at Middletown, Conn.

‡ Brother of Rev'd Sam'l Mather of Windsor—came to Suffield 1712, and was a Representative at Boston from Suffield 4 years.

cepting so much as James Barlow, and Thomas Smith shall need for a compensation for the Highway running through their land. A fourth parcel, lyeth on y^e^ West side of Muddy Brook, and on the West side of y^e^ Highway that leads up North from Ireland plain, to Burlesons Brook; the East side Bounds on said way: the West side Bounds partly on the great Marsh, and partly on the Road that lead thereto: y^e^ North end Bounds on Burlesons Brook, or the Meadow: the South end Bounds within about Thirty Rods of Land laid to Joseph Remington. A fifth parcel of said Common, lyeth South of Stony Brook, taking in all y^e^ Land that is free between the said Brook, and our South line: extending East and West from the Great River, to y^e^ West side of Tainters Hill, and the west side of the Swamp called Dismal.

These may Certyfie further, that to finde the proportion, or contain of Land granted as above said, we computed Feather Street Common, and computed y^e^ whole of y^e^ first grant Land in y^e^ Town, and by dividing the whole between y^e^ proprietors of Feather Street, and the rest of the proprietors in y^e^ Town, according to y^e^ scituation of their several grants. (Old Book, p. 195.)

Entred October y^e^ 4^th^, 1714.

JOHN HANCHET,
JONATHAN TAYLOR,
JOHN KENT,
ANTHONY AUSTIN,
JOSEPH WINCHEL,
} Committee.

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*March the 22^nd^, 17¼: The Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Suffield, qualified according to Law for the choice of Town Officers; being Legally warned and Convened; Choice was made of the several persons hereafter named, to their several Offices, and places of Trust, (for y^e^ year Insuing) as followeth, viz:

Select Men—Ichabod Smith, Thomas Copley, Timothy Palmer, Samuel Allen, John Austin.

Moderator & Town Clerk—John Austin.

Town Treasurer, & Land Measurer—Joseph Winchell.

Constable—Samuel Copley.

Assessors—Joseph Winchell, John Burbank, John Austin.

Tything Men—Thomas Smith Sen^r^, Benoni Banes, George Norton, & John Harmon.

Clerk of ye Market—Mr. Joshua Levit.

Surveyers of Highways—Thomas Granger Jun, Josiah Hale, Benjamin Gillet, Edward Smith Jun.

Fence Viewers—John Huxley, John Warner, William Halladay, Samuel Remington.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams.

Searchers, sealers, & gagers of Cask—James King Sen^r^, John Kent Sen^r^, John Burlison.

Joseph Harmon Jun, Peter Eastman, Nathan Hamlin, Abraham Granger, James Hayward, Daniel Adams, Were chosen to take care to se the Law executed Respecting Swine.

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*By an Act of the General Court this election was annulled, and a new election ordered July 4th, 1715.

Upon the fourth day of July, 1715: The Inhabitants of Suffeild, being Assembled by order of the General Court, to Chuse Town Officers; did then make Choise as followeth:

Moderator—John Kent.

Select Men—Peter Roe, John Kent, John Burbank, Jacob Adams Junr, James Younglove.

Town Clerk, & Land measurer—Joseph Winchill.

Constable—Samuel Copley.

Assessors—John Kent, John Burbank, James Younglove.

Tything Men—Samuel Spencer, John Burleson.

Surveyors—Samuel Halladay, John Pengilly Junr, Benjamin Winchell, Thomas Granger Jun.

Fence Viewers—David Allen, Benjamin Remington, John Trumble ye 1st, Abraham Granger.

Gagers of Cask—John Kent, John Burbank.

Clerk of ye market—Joshua Levitt.

Sealer of Leather—Jacob Adams Senr.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

To execute the Law Relating to Swine—Peter Eastman, Benjamin Remington, Benjamin Winchel, John Harmon, Daniel Adams, Matthew Copley.

July the 4th, 1715, Samuel Spencer, John Burleson, Joseph Winchel, Joshua Levit, Saml Halladay, Benjamin Winchel, Benjamin Remington, & Peter Eastman, Were sworn to the discharge of their Respective Offices.

ABOUT LAND.

At a Leagal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffeild, August the fourth, 1715, It was proposed to the said Town, whether, or no; the Town would Endeviour a friendly and loving agreement among them in a Town Meeting about their difference with respect to Land, or else leave it to the determination of a Special Court, according to the act of the Assembly, and the Town did by a Clear vote agree upon the former.

2nd. Nextly; it was proposed that the Town would please to appoint the Town Clerk to entre on Record such of those gifts of Land as were made in March and April 17$\frac{1}{8}$: which have not the Least Reason of Hendrance by Reason of those exceptions in the gift; and where there is the Least Reason of hindrance by Reason of those Exceptions: the Clerk to desist Entring such Land till the Town have given their voice in it, or appointed some persons to hear, and determine the case in behalf, and stead of the Town; and the Town did by a Clear vote agree to the proposal.

3d. It was agreed, and voted: to leave the procuring of a Schoolmaster for the Town, the Remainder of the year, to the present Select men: The above mentioned Votes Entred, August the 5th, 1715: by order of the Select men; viz: John Kent, John Burbank, Jacob Adams Junr, and James Younglove.

A VOTE ABOUT THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

At a Leagal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffeild, August the 31st, 1715: It was agreed, and voted: to be at the charge to Repair the School house, and the Pound; there being Great need with Respect to both.

A VOTE ABOUT THE MINES.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town of Suffeild, Aug y^e^ 31^st^, 1715: Voted: Whereas: several persons that were formerly nominated to be Lessee of the Mines belonging to the Inhabitants of this Town of Suffeild; have not accepted, and will not agree to performe the Terms proposed: Now: We, the Inhabitants do further direct, and fully impower, Jacob Adams Sen^er^, John Austin, John Kent Sen^r^, John Burbank, and James Younglove, our former Committee, or any three of them, to be our Agents, or Attorneys by, and with the consent of Mr. John Eliot, of Windsor; in the Colony of Connecticut, to Lease the said Mines to any person, or persons in, and for such manner, form, and time, with suitable accommodations, as they shall judge will be for Our Intrest, and the promoting the Improvement of Said Mines.

DESENTERS.

Suffeild, August y^e^ 4^th^, 1715: In Town Meeting: We the Subscribers do Declare against any Lands being put upon Record that were given, or granted to any person, by the Inhabitants of said Suffeild; at two Town Meetings, viz: on the 25^th^ of March, and on the Second of April, 1713: untill the proprietors have settled The matters in Cohtroversy Respecting said Land, and do desire this, with our names hereunto affixed; to be Entred as our desent from the Vote of the Town, for Recording Said Land; without takeing a right method for Settling Said Land, as before voted by the Town. Jonathan Taylor, James King, Edmund Marshall, Anthony Austin, Benoney Banes, Nathaniel Austin, John Rising Jun, Fearnot Burleson, David Winchill Jun, Jared Huxley, John Marshal, Richard Austin, Edward Smith Jun, Samuel Palmer, Jacob Adams, James Hayward, Matthew Copley, Nicolliss Hale, James King Jun, John Trumble, Victory Sikes, Abraham Adams, John Trumble 2^nd^, Samuel Trumble, John Austin.

1^st^. At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffeild, Nov y^e^ 28^th^, 1715: Ebenezer Smith was chosen Moderator, for said Meeting.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed, and voted, by the Town in said Meeting to impower the Select men to take care of the Widdow Froe untill the next Court, and also to imploy, or improve two men to maniage the affair, with Respect to said Froe in Court, and to be at the charge therepf.

3^d^. The Town did by a Clear Vote, make Choice of Deacon John Hanchet, and Ensign Anthony Austin, to manage the matter in Court with respect to the Widow Froe.

4^th^ly. It was voted by the Town, to raise five pounds in money, for the support of Goodman Elger.

5^th^ly. It was agreed, and voted; to raise fifty Shillings for the Committee, Chosen to Build the Bridge,* that, soe that work may be finished.

HIGHWAY TO BUSHES BRIDGE.

By order of the Select men: We who are the subscribers, have laid out a highway, from the north East Corner of Serj Thomas Smiths Lot, to Bushes bridge, being bounded as followeth: it is ten rods in breadth, and bounds south

* See Note, p. 159.

on said Smiths lot, untill it comes to the swamp, where the Old Casey is: thence to the top of the hill the breadth is still ten rods: there being several trees markt on three sides, and standing on the north side of said way, being the bounds thereof: thence it runs norwest down the hill, widening as it goes, soe that the way at the foot of the hill, is about twenty rods in bredth: the said way gaining in breadth mostly on the north side thereof: said way soe running towards bushes bridge, narrowing from twenty rods in breadth to ten rods in breadth, before it come to said bridge: the bounders of said way are trees markt, all standing on the north side thereof: there is one bounder, viz: stake and stone, standing on the north side of said highway, and neer the foot of the hill where the said way begins to widen most, bareing, or turning northward.

Laid out November y^e 26^th^, 1715. (Old Book, p. 199.)

by { JOSEPH WINCHELL. / NATHANEL WARNER.

HIGHWAY FROM HALLADAYS FEILD TO STONEY BROOK.

January 6^th^ in the year 17$\frac{1}{2}$. We who are the subscribers, have laid out a * highway, from the Westward part of the Town, down to Stoney Brook: We began against the West Corner of Halladays Feild, and thence running South West through M^r^ Ruggles his † Land: it lyeth between two swamps on a narrow ridge of Land: thence, it runneth a straight Corse to the South West Corner of said Ruggles his Land: thence it runs South untill it comes to the north Corner of James Youngloves land, laid out to him on John Taylors Right: thence, it turns Running East crossing the swamp that is there: and soe up the hill where there is a tree markt, standing on the north side of the highway; thence running South East on the most proper and best ground, untill it comes to the West Corner of the one acre of meadow laid out to the heirs of Timothy Pallmer Deceased, and soe on the South Side of said meadow to the brook; there are several trees markt on three sides, which are the bounds of said way, and they all stand on the East Side thereof: said way being laid four rods wide. We likewise laid out a highway of four rods wide, to the West end or Corner of the Ministry Meadow: and to the East end or Corner of Joseph Winchells meadow, or land that lyeth next adjoyning, it turns out of the highway first mentioned: upon the hill on the East side of James Youngloves Land: and thence running South on said hill, on the fairest Land, untill it comes to the place before described.

(Old Book, p. 208.)

JOHN KENT, JAMES YOUNGLOVE, JACOB ADAMES } Select Men.

HIGHWAY FROM DEEP BROOK, TO SPRINGFEILD ROAD.

By order of the Select men: We who are the subscribers, have laid out a highway, leading from Deep Brook through the great Common, to Springfeild Road: The South West Corner, by a White Oak tree with stake and stone, which is the North East Corner of Daniel Adames, Gowins Lott: Soe running

* This road was laid across the present farms of Thomas J. Austin and Martin J. Sheldon, from Sheldon street south westerly from the present schoolhouse. It was abandoned by a vote of the town, May 12th, 1724.

† In 1724, Capt. Jonathan Sheldon bought this land (210 acres), of Joseph, son of the Rev. Benj. Ruggles, deceased.

over a gutter that leads out of Allens meadow lot, twelve rods to a White Oak tree markt with stake and stone: soe running West to the South West Corner of Alleins Meadow Lot: soe bareing neer South West to a red Oke tree markt with stake and stone, bareing twelve rods in breadth: then turning about to the North of the North West, and soe runing till it comes into the Springfeild Road: Which Road lyes on the West side of the hill, commonly caled the Great Hill, set out with several rangers on the East side of said highway, extending twelve rods in breadth Westward from said rangers: and comes into Springfeild road about midway betwixt the place caled the Tarr Kills, and the South end of the Great hill: bounded at the North West Corner by a black Oak tree with stake and stone, and att the South West Corner by a black Oak tree with stake and stone.

(Old Book, p. 208.)

EBINEZER BURBANK.
DAVID ALLEIN.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, January the 3d, 17$\frac{1}{8}$, the several votes following were past, and gifts of Land made, unto the persons hereafter named, their heirs, and assignes forever, the number of acres given to every particular person, being annext to their names.

*1lt. It was voted to give

John Remington 11½ acres.
To David Winchel Senr 10 acres
To Benjamin Winchel 7 acres ½.
To Thomas Taylor 10 acres.
To William Spencer 10 acres ½.

2adly, It was voted to give John Burbank 12 acres ½ of land, being between Ichabod Smiths, at the Great Swamp, and the highway: that tract of land being upland.

To Samuel Lane 11 acres ½.
To John Trumble ye 2ad 7 acres ½.
To William Trumble 7 acres ½.
To Matthew Tously 7 acres ½.
To Samuel Trumble 7 acres ½.
To John Burleson 12 acres ½.
To Joseph Harmon 7 acres.
To Samuel Harmon 7 acres ½.
To Samll Younglove 10 acres ½.
To Joseph Harmon Jun 7 acres ½.
To Ebinezer Harmon 7 acres ½.

3dly. It was voted to give

To Robert Old Senr 12 acres ½.
To John Pengilly Junr 13 acres.
To John Smith 10 acres.
To Ebinezer Smith 10 acres.
To John Warner 10 acres ½.
To Ebinezer Burbank 12 acres ½.
To Peter Roe 19 acres.
To James Barlow 10 acres.
To Nathaniel Warner 7 acres ½.
To Samuel Roe 5 acres.
To Samuel Sikes 12 acres.

4thly. It was voted to give

To David Allein 10 acres ½.
To William Allein 11 acres ½.
To Jacob Adames Jun 13 acres ½.
To Peter Eastman 13 acres.
To Thomas Smith Junr 5 acres ½.
To Thomas Smith Senr 11 acres ½.
To Daniel Adams 7 acres ½.
To Benjamin Allein 10 acres ½.
To Thomas Granger Junr 7 acres.
To George Granger 10 acres ½.
To Nathaniel Harmon 11 acres ½.
To John Warner Junr 5 acres.
To Samuel Kent Senr 13 acres ½.
To Joseph Rimington 13 acres ½.
To Benjamin Jillet 8 acres ½.
To Samuel Spencer 10 acres ½.
To James Younglove 9 acres ½.
To Dudley Kent 5 acres.

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*These grants of land by the Town were annulled, at the next meeting, and the control of the "undivided" lands passed from the Town into that of the "proprietors."

To John Kent Junr 12 acres ¼.
To Samuel Winchel 5 acres.
5thly. It was voted to give to
Joseph Winchell 10 acres ¼.
To John Kent Senr 12 acres.
To John Rimington Junr 5 acres.
To Josiah Kent 5 acres.
To Thomas Kent 7 acres ¼.
To Medad Pumery 5 acres.
To Jonathan Rimington 12 acres ¼.
To Eliezer Stocwel 8 acres ¼.
To Samuel Kent Junr 13 acres.
To Asaph Levit 7 acres.
To Samuel Coply 11 acres ¼.
To Benjamin Rimington 11 acres ¼.
To William Halladay 9 acres.
To Samuel Halladay 9 acres.
To John Stockwell 7 acres ¼.
To Abraham Granger 9 acres.
To Samuel Remington 11 acres ¼.
To David Winchel Junr 5 acres.
To Hezekiah Parsons 8 acres.
To John Old 5 acres.
To Ebinezer Old 5 acres.
6thly. It was voted to give
To Samuel Granger 12 acres.
To John Huxly 12 acres ¼.
7thly. It was voted to give
To Abraham Adams 10 acres.
8thly. It was voted to give to the two sons of Jonathan Sikes decensed five acres apiece, and
To Rebekah Pritchard 5 acres.
9thly. It was voted to give
To Samuel Jellet 11 acres.
10thly. It was voted to give
To Joshua Levit 7 acres.
11thly. It was voted to give
To John Adams 10 acres.
To Jacob Adams Senr 80 acres.
To Mr Jonathan Ginks 20 acres, on condition he continue the three years in the Town.

DESENT. DESENTERS.

January the 8th, 17$\frac{1}{2}$. In Town Meeting: We, the subscribers do declare against any Land being granted to any, it not being in our Judgment a Lawfull meeting for that purpose, and desire this with our Names hereto annexed to be entred as our desent against all the Votes at this Meeting granting Land to any person.

John Hanchett Senr.
Thomas Huxly.
John Rising Senr.
Thomas Coply.
Samuel Palmer.
Thomas Granger Senr.
Nicholas Hale.
Nathaniel Austin.
James King Junr.
Timothy Pallmer.
Caleb Allein.
Edward Smith Junr.
Benjamin King.
Joshua Levitt.
John Devotion.
Jonathan Taylor.
James King Senr.
Richard Austin.
Jarred Huxly.
Matthew Coply.
John Trumble 1st.
Nathaniel Hambling.
Samuel Allein.
Ephraim Trumble.
Victory Sikes.
John Marshal.
Benony Banes.
John Rising Junr.
Anthony Austin.
John Austin.

Att a Special Sessions of the peace, holden at Suffield, in the County of Hampshire, on the Tenth day of January $17\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{6}$.

Present—the Justices of s^{d} Sessions viz^{t}:

Sam^{ll} Partridge, John Pynchon, Joseph Parsons, Sam^{ll} Porter, John Stoddard Esq^{rs}.

* Whereas: the great and general Court, or Assembly held at Boston upon Wednesday the 20th of July last past: Upon reading the Memorial of John Austin late Town Clerk of Suffield, in behalf of the Select men of the said towne for the year 1714; setting forth that on the 25th day of March, and on the 2^{d} day of April 1713: The Inhabitants of said towne of Suffield made Sundry Conditional Grants of land: and whereas the Select men of said towne for that year, without having regard to the Conditions of the said grants, gave orders for the laying out of lands to sundry persons; and also directed the recording the returne of the land Measurer. By reason whereof, several persons had more land laid out to them, than was granted to them by y^{e} said towne. Which proceedings of the Select Men, being disagreeable to the towne—On the 22^{d} of March $17\frac{1}{2}\frac{4}{5}$: They voted that there should be no record made of any of the lands granted at the aforesaid meetings, as will more at large appear by the said townes vote: And whereas the towne by their said vote, ordered that the proprietors, at a proprietors meeting, should consult, and conclude some proper methods, to prevent such irregular proceedings: Ordered: that in case the Inhabitants of said towne did not compromise, and Issue their Differences in the Space of three months: That then the Justices of the general Sessions of the peace, in the County aforesaid; should hold a Special Sessions at the said towne, and hear both parties, and determine, and settle their Differences: whose Determination should be a final Issue, and soe entred in their town book, as by the said memorial and order of Court more at large appears.

In observance of which order the Justices above mentioned, met at Suffield afores^{d} on the said tenth day of January, and upon hearing both parties (they not having compromised the said Difference) Doe determine as follows, viz^{t}: that the afores^{d} votes of March 25th, and April 2^{d} 1713, should be utterly void and of None Effect—and that the afores^{d} vote of March 22nd, $17\frac{1}{2}\frac{4}{5}$, so farr as respects the prohibiting of putting any lands on record, granted at the afores^{d} meetings of March 25th, and April 2^{d} 1713, shall stand, remaine, and abide, in full force and vertue.—And that all grants of land made by s^{d} towne, since the

* By this act, all grants of land by the town, after March 9th, 1713, were void, and the control of the undivided land was given to the proprietors, or their representatives. Some of the voters in town-meeting were new inhabitants, and had no right in the common lands. At this date, there had been distributed by the committee for settling the town, about 6,258 acres, and by the proprietors in the second division in 1688, to themselves, about 2,915 acres; in all, about 9,173 acres. The after divisions, were the equalizing grant of 1,558 acres, in 1720, and another final division of land east of the mountain in 1725, about 2,150 acres: the division of the mountain in 1742, of 588 acres, and the final division of 730 acres west of the mountain in 1759, in all, about 14,000 acres. By the Colony survey in 1713–14, the area of the town was 22,172 acres, which left for highways, streams, lands given to secure settlers, for large measure, for lands lost by imperfect surveys and bounds, about 8,000 acres. The acts of the proprietors relating to the division of the remaining common lands, are preserved in two volumes, from which extracts will be found in the notes of Period Third.

act of the General Assembly of the 20th of July last past, be utterly void, and of None Effect. And that for the future, the proprietors of the common, or undivided lands, in the aforesd towne of Suffield; Doe attend all such methods as the law directs to: Respecting the Managing, Improving, Dividing, or Disposing of such lands—And that the Clerk of this Sessions, Doe enter the aforesd Determination in the towne book of said Suffield. Which is accordingly entred this 12th day of January 17$\frac{1}{2}$. (Old Book, p. 204.)

Pr JOHN PYNCHON, Cler.

END OF PERIOD II.

DOCUMENTARY

HISTORY OF SUFFIELD,

THIRD PERIOD.

1716—1749.

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Page 17 Note: Ephraim Bartlit (son of Benjamin of Windsor, b. Jan. 17, 1674) was the first white male child born at Suffield, died Feb. 19, 1750, æ. 77 yrs; (*Hist. of Wilbraham*, p. 219.) (See pp. 17, 20.)

" 19 Twelfth line from top, for Fairchild read Fairfield.

" 27 For John Higgins read John Huggins.

" 30 Thomas Barber, line 22, was not of the Windsor family.

" 39 Fifteenth line from top, for "Taylor" read "Warner."

" 39 James Rising was admitted to the church in Windsor from Salem in 1669.

" 40 Edward Smith was a son of Hugh Smith of Rowley.

" 42 Twelfth line from bottom, for blank supply "Smith."

" 43 Rev. Benj. Trumbull was a grandson of Benoni.

" 43 Tenth line from top, expunge as improbable.

" 81 Ninth line, for "Newton" read "Lynn."

" 83 Joseph Sheldon's funeral charges, £21 6*s.* 1*d.*, were paid by the General Court.

" 83 Sixteenth line from bottom, for 1708 read 1705.

" 85 "Rev[d] Benjamin Ruggles was 'baptized' August 11[th], 1676."

" 153 The plain between Kent corner and Sandy Hill, is called "Muske-toe Hawk Plain" in the old land records.

" 170 Twelfth line, read "Town" pay.

" 172 In 1712, Martin Kellogg was allowed £25 for money paid by him for his ransom, loss of arms, and equipments. Mass. Court Rec., Vol. 8.

" 184 Add to note, His grave-stone says, "He was aged 74 years."

" 209 In last line of note, for $10,000, read $6,000.

" 224 For last line substitute— "In 1635," guard seats "were ordered to be provided for the Meeting House at Hartford." (Hfd. T. Rec.)

" 242 In note, for Thomas Austin read Thomas J. Austin.

" 249 In note, after "was" supply "a part of."

" 253 In note, third line from bottom, for 1775 read 1785. Philip Nelson's will was made Sept. 16, 1784, prob. June 4, 1789. His estate inventoried £908.

" 269 Shadrach Hatheway was the son of Deacon Abraham and Rebecca (Wilbur) Hatheway of Taunton, Mass. Shadrach, Jun[r], grad. of Yale 1738, d. 1749. (Yale Coll. Obituary, Vol. I.) The Suffield Hatheway's were from Taunton or its vicinity.

" 270 Timothy Phelps the first was a bricklayer.

" 314 Some records of intentions of marriage— Marriages, Births, and Deaths from 1740 to 1762, are found in Suffield Land Records, Vol. II, and are in the transcription of 1799.

At the Anniversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March 26, 1716, being assembled in order to choose Town Officers to order affairs of General concernment for the welfare of the Town, and accordingly choice was made as followeth:

1st, Ebinezer Smith was chosen Moderator.

Select Men — John Kent, Senr, Peter Roe, James Younglove, John Burbanks, Jacob Adams, Junr.

Town Clerk — Joseph Winchel.

Constable — Samuel Allen.

Tything Men — John Handchett, Junr, James King, Junr.

Assessors — John Kent, Senr, John Burbanks, James Younglove.

Surveyors of Highway — *Hezekiah Parsons, Nathaniel Warner, Ebinezer Burbanks, Thomas Copley.

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Joshua Levit.

Fence Viewers — Joseph Harmon, John Pengilly, Junr, Daniel Adams, John Warner, Senr.

Town Treasurer — John Burbanks.

Land Measurer — Joseph Winchell.

To Execute the Law relating to Swine — John Harmon and Timothy Palmer.

At a Lawful meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, April the 9th, 1716: It was proposed to the Town whether or no the Town would grant Mr. Marshal's bill of two pounds and nineteen shillings without his bringing a perticular account to the Town how said money becomes due; And the Town very clearly voted the Negative.

At a Lawfull meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, August the 8th, 1716: Voted, first, that Ebinezer Smith should be Moderator for said meeting.

2nd, It was voted that Serj. John Austin should deliver up to Mr. John Eliot of Windsor a certain bond or writing given to the town of Suffield by said Eliot, which writing respects the one hundred acres of land laid out to the said Eliot on the Copper Hill. (See note, p. 183.)

At a lawful Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Dec. the 10th, 1716, Ebinezer Smith was chosen moderator for said meeting.

2ndly. It was by a clear vote granted that the land yet to be recorded as allowed by the proprietors may be entred on the Towns book.

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*Hezekiah, son of Benj. Parsons of Springfield, born Nov. 24, 1678. Had 15 acres on Benj. Cooley's Grant. He soon removed to E. Windsor and d. there July 11th, 1748.

3^{d}ly. It was granted by a clear vote that the Select men as formerly, shall when certified from the record give order to the land measurer to lay out divisions of land for the future.

4thly. The Town by a clear vote allowed to Ensigne Austin 25 shillings for his Meeting house Committeeship out of the Town's money now in his hands.

5thly. The Town did by a clear vote alow 10 pounds to be raised for the support of the poor, and ordered the Assessors to raise the same.

6thly. The Town did by a clear vote give to Deacon Hanchet, and John Kent, eight shillings apiece for their service in their Committeeship for the bridge. (See note, p. 159.)

Also, voted, to give Mr. Edmund Marshall one-half of his bill on demand, the whole of which being two pounds, 17 shillings and 10 pence, the one-half being one pound 8 shillings & 11 pence, granted on this condition, that he quitt the Town of the rest. Also, allowed to John Burbanks 10 shillings for his meeting house Committeeship.

At a Lawfull meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, November 29th, 1716, first, it was voted that Thomas Huxley should be moderator for sd. meeting.

It was likewise voted that the Select men should have full power to alow of the bills of all persons that have done anything for the Town soe far as respects the poor, namely Goodman Elger.

Also voted to procure a padlock in order to secure the town stock.*

Also voted to bare the charge of the late surveying the bounds of this Town and Symsbury by Mr. Kimbole.†

Also, voted, to be at the charge at present with respect to relieving the wife of George Granger.

Also, voted, to be at the charge of a petition to send to the General Court, to see what may be don with respect to the maintenance of the wife of George Granger.

Also, voted, to alow Goodman Banes seven shillings for his trouble about keeping the wife of George Granger.

Also, voted, to pay the money sued for by Mr. Allein's Executors, and also the charge of said suit.

Also, voted, to alow John Kent, Sen^{r}, and Jacob Adams, Jun^{r}, half wages to go to Windsor about the debt sued for by Mr. Allein's Executors.

Att a General Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March the 18th, 17$\frac{1}{4}$, being assembled in order to chouse officers to order the affairs of General Concernment for the welfare of the Town; choice was made as followeth:

First, Joseph Winchel was chosen moderator.

Select Men — Capt. Joseph Harmon, Ebenezer Smith, Joseph Rimington, John Kent, Jun., Joseph Winchel.

Town Clerk — Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer — John Burbanks.

Constable — Joseph Harmon, Jun.

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*Every town was ordered in 1693 to provide a stock of ammunition of one barrel of good powder, 200 pounds of bullets, and 300 flints for every 60 enlisted soldiers, or in that proportion.

†Thomas Kimberly of Glastenbury, Conn., County Surveyor, and a man of note. (See Conn. Col. Rec., Vols. v, vi, vii.)

Tything Men — John Warner, Sen^r^, John Huxley.

Surveyors of Highways — Samuel Coply, Thomas Granger, Jun., Nathaniel Harmon, John Marshall.

Assessors — Ebenezer Smith, Joseph Rimington, Joseph Winchel.

Sealer of Leather — Jacob Adams, Sen^r^.

Sealer of waites & measures — Joshua Levitt.

Land Measurer — Joseph Winchel.

Fence Viewers — Samuel Harmon, Joseph Fuller, Benjamin Rimington, Freegrace Norton.

To execute the law relating to swine—Ebinezer Nash,* Benjamin Jellett, Samuel Halladay, John Smith.

March the 18^th^, 1717, Samuel Copley, Nathaniel Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Ebenezer Nash, Samuel Halladay, John Smith, Benjamin Jellet, Benjamin Rimington, Samuel Harmon, Sworn.

Joshua Levitt, sworn, March y^e^ 25^th^, 1717. John Warner, Sen^r^, and John Huxley, sworn Aug. y^e^ 3^d^, 1717.

The assessors sworn, August y^e^ 3^d^, 1717.

At a lawful meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, June y^e^ 19^th^, 1717, Ebinezer Smith was chosen moderator.

2^nd^ly. It was agreed and voted, to sue George Granger for the money which the Town have necessarily expended on his wife, or may expend for her relief before process be made in the law thereabout.

3^d^ly. The Town did by a clear vote, make choice of John Kent Jun^r^, in their behalf to sue George Granger as before voted, and to proceed therein according as Capt. Ebenezer Pumrey shall advise.

4^th^ly. It was voted to raise eight pounds a year, during the term of five years next coming, to be desposed of by the Select men for the time being for the procuring of eight bulls for the benefit of the Town, and to be placed in such partt of the Town as the Select men shall think best, and what the Select men fall short this year of procuring eight bulls, abatement to be made proportionably out of the eight pounds.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, October y^e^ 7^th^, 1717. It was agreed and voted, that upon condition that John Granger, the son of George Granger, do take care of his mother, and will give the Town of Suffield sufficient security in the judgement of the Select men, to secure the Town from any future charge with respect to his mother, Liddia Granger; that then the Town will defray all charge that has been past with respect to the said Liddia Granger, and quitt all other perticular persons, excepting only, the bond for thirty shillings given to the Select men by said John Granger. But if said John Granger do not speedily do as aforesaid, then to proceed to sue George Granger according to a former vote of the Town.

2^nd^ly. It was voted to build a new sufficient pound, and to pay the money when said pound is finished.

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*Son of Timothy Nash of Hadley, married Mary, dau. of John Scott of Suffield.

3^{d}ly. It was agreed, and voted; to be at the charge to send a petition to the General Court in order to bring our *great wrong* (see note, p. 151) by the late settlement, to a fair hearing which as yet we have never had.

4thly. The Town did by a clear vote chuse Mr. John Eliot of Windsor to be their agent to endeavour on the Towns behalf at the next General Court at Boston, to bring our *great wrong* by the late settlement of the commissioners to a hearing.

5thly. It was voted to raise about twenty pounds, not exceeding 25 pounds, in order to defray necessary Town Charges.

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield November 29th, 1717, The Town did by a clear vote chouse Ebenezer Smith, Moderator for said Meeting.

2^{d}ly, The Town did by a clear vote declare that they would not give any money for the support of the Widow Froe.

3^{d}ly. It was also voted that what any person has done for Goodman Elger,* necessary for his support in the judgement of the Select Men, should be alowed, and that for the future no person be alowed pay for what he doth for Elger without an order from the Select men for the doing of it.

4thly. The Town granted William Huxley half a crown for digging George Grangers childs grave.

5thly. Granted to Joseph Remington for running the line with Springfield (see p. 156) 8 shillings, also granted to Deacon Hanchett for runing the line with Springfield three shillings. Granted to John Kent Sen^{r}, and James Younglove, thirty shillings for their copper Committeeship. (See p. 183.)

6thly. Granted to John Kent Sen^{r}, two shillings and sixpence for going to Springfield, to give evidence about Mr. Marshals Improvement of land in Symsbury claim.

Also, granted to Ensigne Austin two shillings and sixpence, for going to Springfield to give evidence, and also for money expended.

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Nov. 29th, Ebenezer Smith was chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2^{d}ly. It was agreed and voted (the wood only excepted) to pay the Rever^{d} Mr. Ebenezer Devotion his yearly sallary in money, for the term of four years

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* "Goodman" Thomas Elgar was a soldier under Maj. Treat in the Fort Fight Dec. 19th 1675. He was an invalid pensioner at Hadley in 1678. He m. Abigail Filley, July 6th 1691, and settled in Suffield. Children were Thomas, b. July 24th 1692, Abraham, b. July 6th 1695. He was supported by the Town for many years. He d. Feb. 9th 1728. His wife d. Jany. 10th 1722. His son Thomas, in 1735, petitioned Conn. (without success) for a bounty, for his father's services in "King Philips war" (State Archives, War, Vol. 1, p. 148). In 1740, Thomas enlisted as a soldier in the unfortunate Cuban Expedition, and nothing more is known of him See Stiles, Windsor, p. 330, and Trumbull's Hist. of Conn., Vol. 11, Chap. IX.)

"Abraham" was a soldier under Capt. Kellogg in 1724, at Northfield, where he settled. His son Thomas was also a soldier, serving in the "French War," and in the war of the Revolution. The origin of "Goodman" Elgar is unknown. (See Hist. of Northfield, p. 436.)

next coming; the present year being att a quarter part abutement, provided he accept thereof, and manifest the same in writing to the Select men.

3^{d}ly. It was voted to raise eight pounds for the future support of y^{e} poor.

4thly. Voted, to be att the charge to repair the meeting house glass.

5thly. It was voted to pay the widow Holcomb nine shillings for her husbands assisting Mr. Kimbole about proving the line, or bounds of Symsbury.

6^{t}ly. Granted to John Burbanks fifteen shillings, for his Copper Committeeship. (See p. 183.)

At a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield June the 28^{d} 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{8}$ It was voted:

1st. That Joseph Winchel should be moderator for said Meeting.

2ndly. It was voted to pay Constable Joseph Harmon Jr., sixteen shillings and eight pence in money in liew of the twenty shillings in Town pay granted him for his Constableship.

The Freeholders, and the other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield being duly warned, did assemble on the tenth day of March 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{8}$ in order to chuse persons to certain offices and places of trust and accordingly choice was made as followeth:

1st. John Burbank was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Select Men — John Kent, John Burbank, Peter Roe, Joseph Rimington, Joseph Winchel.

Town Clerk — Joseph Winchel.

Constable — Samuel Lane.

Tything Men — George Norton, Josiah Hale.

Town Treasurer — John Burbank.

Surveyors of Highways — John Huxley, Samuel Rimington, Abraham Adams, Samuel Harmon.

Fence Viewers — John Hanchet Jun., William King.

Land Measurer — Joseph Winchel.

Sealer of waites & measures — Joshua Levit.

To regulate the law relating to swine — Samuel Sikes, Samuel Spencer.

March the 10, 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{8}$, Samuel Lane sworn; John Huxley, Abraham Adams, George Norton, sworn.

March y^{e} 17th 1718, William King, John Hanchet Jun., Samuel Harmon, Josiah Hale, John Burbank, sworn.

Joseph Winchel, sworn to the office of town clerk.

Assessors sworn, August y^{e} 12th 1718, John Kent, Senior, John Austin, Joseph Winchel.

At a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, May the 15th 1718: 1st, John Kent by a clear vote was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2ndly. Voted in said meeting that the Town will bare the charge of clearing the burying place, and fencing the same, so farr as in their part and proper for them to do.

3ᵈly. It was voted in said meeting to send a petition to the General Court, plainly laying before them our whole difference with respect to our land, and also an agent to manage the same.

Suffield May yᵉ 15ᵗʰ, 1718, in a Town Meeting We, whose names are underwritten do entre our decents, and votes against the towns being att any charge to send any person, or persons to the Great and General Court att Boston for a further explaination of what they have done, relating to their confirmation of the explanation that the Justices of the Peace for the County of Hampshire drew up on their act passed att a Special Court holden att Suffield on January the 10ᵗʰ 1715. (See p. 194.) And likewise against any persons, or person being chosen Agents or Trustees, concerning the differance in said Town. The General Court and Sessions having already done what we judge to have been sufficient for settling our differance about land, and therefore no occasion for a meeting for that purpose, or a Moderator to maniage in said Meeting.

Jonathan Taylor,	Nathaniel Hambling,	Thomas Copley,
John Devotion,	James Philleps,	Asaph Levit,
Thomas Huxley,	Timothy Palmer,	Ebenezer Nash,
Richard Austin,	Joshua Levit,	Nathaniel Austin,
Benoni Banes,	Matthew Copley,	Ichabod Smith,
James King,	John Hanchet Junʳ,	John Austin,
Anthony Austin,	Benjamin King,	James King Junʳ,
Fearnot Burleson,	Wᵐ King,	Medad Pumrey,
Edward Burleson,	William Huxley,	Samuel Palmer,
Joseph Fuller,	Thomas Granger Sᵉⁿʳ,	John Pengilly, Jr,
John Rising Jun.,	John Hanchet,	Thomas Granger Jun.,
Edmund Marshall,	Martin Kellog,	Nathaniel Hale,
Timothy Hale,	John Marshall,	John Rising Senʳ.
Samuel Hale,	Jared Huxley,	

Att a Legall Town meeting May 29ᵗʰ, 1718, first, the Town did by a clear vote make choice of John Burbank to be the moderator for said meeting. 2ᵈ, they made choice of John Kent Jun, to serve the Town in a journey to Boston, to carry a Petition to the General Court, and to be the Towns Agent to manage the same in said court; said Agent to deliver the Petition to John Austin, who is now there on the Towns service.* Said Austin to deliver it, or present it to that Court, and that our said Agent shall serve the proprietors in such things as he shall think fitt, or according to their instruction when he is there.

3ᵈly. That the Select men should write the Towns Petition.

At a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, Nov. the 18ᵗʰ, 1718, first, John Burbanks was chosen Moderator.

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*John Austin, son of Anthony Senʳ, was Representative at Boston, 1718, 19, '20, and 1723, four years.

Also voted; to sel the Towns gun.*

Also, voted to bear the charge that may neccessarily arise by procuring plank, for repairing the Bridges this present year.

Also, voted; that the Select men should raise money to defray such bills as were read in said meeting.

Also, voted; to raise money to defray those bills relating to the poor, that have not yet ben presented to the Town.

November the 21st, 1718. Att a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants, Samuel Kent Senr. was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

It was also voted; to give John Kent Jun. six pounds for his journey and expence in carrying a Petition to Boston.

Also voted to leave the matter of difference between John Kent Senr. and the Town with respect to his demand for going for Mr. Emerson; to John Pengilley Senr, Thomas Smith Senr, and Lieut. Richard Austin to determine; and what said arbitrators shall award the Town to pay, the Select men to raise the money.

Also voted; that said Arbitrators shall give in their award before the tenth day of Dec. next coming.

In said meeting, Abraham Adames was made choice of to speak in the Towns behalf before the arbitrators above mentioned.

Also, voted: to exchange the highway that lyeth on the east side of James Youngloves house, with John Kent Junr, for so much land on the west side of said Youngloves land, which he bought of Samuel Kent Jun., in order to alter said highway, for the conveniency of said John Kent.

Also voted to raise 12£ for the support of the poor.

Also, voted: to alow Ebenezer Nash twenty shillings for sweeping the Meeting house this year.

Also, voted: to pay Constable Lane in money for his Constableship salary, att one-third abatment.

At a Lawfull Meeting: viz: Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March the 9th, 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{8}{8}$, and continued by adjournment till March 10th, 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{9}{9}$: in order to make choice of perticular persons to places of Trust, according as by law is directed for the ordering the prudential affairs of the Town; and accordingly, choice was made as followeth:— Mr. John Devotion was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Select Men — Martin Kellog, Capt. Joseph Harmon, John Kent Senr, John Burbank, Ebenezer Smith.

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*This is the first recorded vote relative to the Town Gun! It was undoubtedly procured when the town voted to fortify the Minister's Lot, in 1708. Hadley had a gun in 1676, and used it with good effect when attacked by the Indians. "The soldiers or Townsmen within the Palisade firing a piece of ordnance, it so affrighted the savages they instantly fled." (Hubbard's Indian Wars.)

Springfield had a town gun, but failed to use it, when attacked in 1675. (Judd's Hadley, p. 179.)

Windsor had town guns, and voted to sell them at vendue in 1725. (Stiles' Windsor.)

Town Clerk—Joseph Winchel.
Constable—Nathaniel Warner.
Tything Men—Deac[n] Jonathan Taylor, Ensign Anthony Austin.
Assessors—Serg[t] John Austin, John Burbank, Joseph Winchel.
Surveyors of Highways—Samuel Rimington, John Kent Jun[r], Samuel Copley, John Pengilley Jun.
Sealer of weights & measures—Joshua Levit.
Fence Viewers—Josiah Hale, Nathaniel Miller, James King Jun[r], Joseph Harmon Jun[r], John Old, Jacob Adams.
Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

The names and time of swaring the above mentioned officers March y[e] 10[th], 17$\frac{1}{1}$$\frac{1}{1}$. James King Jun[r], Jacob Adames, Joseph Harmon Jun[r], John Old, Samuel Rimington, John Kent Jun[r], and John Pengilley Jun[r], were sworn to their respective offices above said. March y[e] 16[th] 17$\frac{1}{1}$$\frac{1}{1}$; Nathaniel Miller, and Samuel Copley were sworn; also Nathaniel Warner, Anthony Austin sworn. March y[e] 23[d], 1719, John Austin, Joseph Winchel, and John Burbank, Deac[n] Jonathan Taylor sworn. Assessors sworn. March y[e] 28[d], 1719, Joseph Winchel sworn to the office of Town Clerk.

At a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, April y[e] 9[th], 1719, voted: that Ebenezer Smith should be moderator for said meeting. Also voted: to pay Ensign Anthony Austin the twenty-five shillings he sued the town for, together with the charges; which twenty-five shillings he demanded for his Meeting House Committeeship.

Also, voted: to leave it with the Select Men to sel the timber of the old pound,* and let out the land it stands upon to the best advantage for the Town.

Att a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Nov. y[e] 12[th], 1719, first, Ebenezer Smith by a clear vote was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Also, voted: to alow three shillings per week for the keeping of Liddia Granger.

Also, voted: to alow such persons as keep the Widdow Froe, three shillings per week, for such time as they keep her, they alowing her for what work she doth.

Also, voted: to raise Ten Pounds for the support of the poor and to pay that, and all past charge this year in grain, or money as persons shall see cause (excepting only the school, and debuty †) Viz: in Indian Corn att two shillings and sixpence per bushell, and rye att three shillings and six pence per bushell.

Also, voted: to bare the charge of repairing the School house, and seats of the Meeting house.

At a Anniversary or General Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield March y[e] 8[th], 17$\frac{1}{1}$$\frac{1}{1}$, being met in order to chuse Town Officers for the managing of the prudential affairs of the Town as the law directs. The persons chosen to places of trust, are as followeth.

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* The first pound was built in 1710.
† Representatives to the Gen[l] Court.

First, Samuel Smith Sen^{r}, was chosen Moderator for said Meeting. Thomas Granger Sen^{r}, Samuel Smith Sen^{r}, Benoni Bans, Ebenezer Burbank, and Timothy Pallmer, were chosen Select Men.

Tything Men—John Hanchet Jun^{r}, Jared Huxley.

Constable—Samuel Harmon 1st.

Town Clerk—Joseph Winchel.

Clerk of the Market—Joshua Leavit.

Surveyors of Highways—Samuel Halladay, Daniel Adams, Samuel Kent Jun^{r}, Samuel Copley.

Fence Viewers—Benjamin King, Nathaniel Austin, Joseph King, Samuel Lane.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Sealer of Leather—Samuel Sikes.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Assessors—Deacon John Hanchet, Serj. John Austin, Joseph Winchel.

An account of the time when the Town Officers for the year 1720 were sworn to their respective offices.

Samuel Copley, and Samuel Kent Jun^{r}, Surveyors of Highways, sworn March y^{e} 8th, 1720. Samuel Halladay, and Daniel Adams, Surveighors of highways, sworn Mar. y^{e} 14th, 1720. Joseph King, Samuel Lane, and Benjamin King, Fence viewers, sworn March 14, 1720. Samuel Harmon 1st, Constable, sworn March y^{e} 14th, 1720. John Hanchet Sen^{r}, John Austin, Joseph Winchel, Assessors sworn March 14th, 1720. Joseph Winchel, town Clerk, sworn March y^{e} 14, 1720. Joshua Levit, sworn March y^{e} 14th, 1720.

Att a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Suffield April y^{e} 10th, 1720; First, Samuel Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2ndly, Voted: that what writings Serj. John Austin has of the Towns in his keeping, should be delivered up to the present Town Clerk.

3^{d}ly, Voted: to raise thirty Pounds in provision pay as money, for the support of the School, for the tirm of one year next coming.

At a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May y^{e} 31st 1720 Mr. John Devotion was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2ndly, It was voted to continue the school in High Street.

3^{d}ly, It was voted to throw up the highway that runs through James King Jun^{r}, his lot; provided there be a way to the Grismill.

4thly, Voted, that John Huxley should have the use of the burying place for twenty year, provided, he clear it, and fence it, and keep it entire, and leave it fencet when the time is up.

At a Legall Town Meeting November the 17, 1720, John Kent Sen^{r}, was chosen Moderator for said meeting. Also in said meeting several bills of charge were past.

2ndly, Granted sixteen pounds to be raised for the poor.

8^{d}ly, Voted, That the Town Treasurer shall sue for what money is due to the Town, and for what money the Court hath ordered any persons to pay for the maintenance of good wife Froe. (See p. 190.)

4thly,* Also agreed, and voted that John Burbank shall take care, and see what encouragement he can find for us to get to the Government of Connecticutt, to bring to the Town the next March Meeting.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield February the 10th 17$\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{1}$ First it was voted that John Kent Sen^{r} should be Moderator for said meeting.

2ndly,† Voted, That our Representative lay before the General Court or Assembly att their next Session a representation of the *great wrong* that we have sustained by the laste Establishment, fully setting forth our just claimes to those lands that are taken from our Township, and added to Windsor, and Symsbury; and Earnestly to petition, that our Township may be restored to its former bounds, and to the rightfull owners, as granted, and confirmed to us by the General Court of the late Colony of the Massachusetts Bay.

8^{d}ly, It was allso clearly voted, to chuse three men to take care to prevent incroaching on highways, and accordingly Peter Roe, John Burbank, and Joseph Winchel, were chosen to endeavour as aforesaid.

Also, voted, to bare the charge of caring Liddia Granger, the wife of George Granger, to the house of correction.

Att a Lawfull Meeting, viz., General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March y^{e} 1st, 1721. In order to chuse officers as the law directs, to order the prudential affairs of the Town, and accordingly choice was made as followeth:

Select Men—John Kent Sen^{r}, Lieut. John Austin, James King Jun, Joseph Remington, Abraham Adams.

Town Clerk—Jos. Winchel.

Constable—Daniel Adams.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Tything Men—John Huxley, John Warner Sen.

Assessors—John Kent Sen^{r}, Joseph Winchel, Lieut. John Austin.

Surveyors of Highways—Joseph Fuller, Samuel Copley, Benjamin Remington, John Harmon.

Sealer of waits & measures—Lieut. Joshua Leavit.

Sealer of Leather—Ebenezer Burbank.

Fence Viewers—Joseph Harmon Jun, Jonathan Rimington, William King, Timothy Palmer, Samuel Palmer, John Kent Jun^{r}.

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* This, and subsequent votes of the Town of a like tenor, prove conclusively that a majority of the inhabitants were unwilling subjects to Massachusetts Government, refuting the accusation found in Holland's Hist. of Western Mass., Vol. I, chap. xii. This dissatisfaction was unabated for 80 years, or until 1749, when it terminated in open and successful secession.

† See Town lines, p. 13, foot notes, pp. 151, 188, 200–202.

*Hogg Reeves**—John Rising, Samuel Roe, Caleb Allien, Edward Smith Jun, John Warner Jun^{r}, Benjamin King.

An account of officers sworn March y^{e} 6th & 7th & 10th, Joseph Winchel Town Clerk; John Kent, John Austin, Joseph Winchel, Assessors; Daniel Adams, Constable. John Burbank, Town Treasurer; John Huxley, John Warner, Tything Men; John Rising, Caleb Alein, Samuel Roe, Edward Smith Jun^{r}, Benjamin King, & John Warner Jun, Hogg Reeves; Samuel Copley, Benjamin Rimington, Surveighours of High ways; Timothy Palmer, William King, Joseph Harmon Jun^{r}, John Kent Jun^{r}, Samuel Pallmer, Fence Viewers; Ebenezer Burbank, Sealer of Leather; Jonathan Rimington, sworn March 17th.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March y^{e} 22d, 1721. Voted 1st, that Ebenezer Smith should be Moderator for said Meeting.

2ndly, Voted; to chuse two men to joyn with Joseph Winchel, to serveigh the deeds of exchange which concern the Town, to see whether they are executed according to true intent, and meaning, and to make report thereof to the Town.

3^{d}ly, Pursuant to the preceding vote, Deacon John Hanchet, and Samuel Kent Sen^{r}, were chosen to joyn with Joseph Winchel, in order to do as in the said preceding vote is expressed.

4thly, Voted that there shall be a high way of eight rods wide laid out from the Highway by the Sawmill Pond, to run across said Pond northward, until it come to the Highway, that leads out west from High Street. (Now Remington Street.)

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March y^{e} 30th, 1721, First, John Kent Sen^{r}, was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2ndly, Joseph Winchel, by a clear vote was chosen Land measurer.

Att a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, May the 22^{d}, 1721, first, voted that John Kent Sen^{r}, should be moderator for said Meeting.

2ndly, Voted; to Impower the Select Men to hire a room at the Towns charge for the Widdow Winchel to live in.

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* Hog Reeves were first ordered by the Province Laws in 1714, and first appointed here in 1715. Their sole duty was to enforce the laws relating to swine, which were permitted to run at large in the highways and woods, suitably equipped. Afterward the duties of Haward, or Field Driver, were combined in the office of Hog Reeve. "Hog Reeves" were chosen here until 1750. No such office existed in Conn. To a late period Towns made the By-Laws, restraining or permitting the use of the Highways for pasturage. (See p. 111.) Swine suitably ringed and yoaked, and geese with yokes were permitted to run at large on Highways until 1837, when the Town Voted: "That swine, sheep, and geese shall not be permitted to go at large on any terms whatever." Fence Viewers were first chosen here in 1686. Their prescribed duties were, "for the better preventing of damage in Cornfields, and other improved and common Lands, by Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Swine going at large."

3ᵈly, Voted, to choose some persons to manage on the Towns behalf against Lidia Granger the wife of George Granger in Court when there shall be occasion for it. The persons chosen to manage against the said Lidia Granger in Court, as abovesaid, are three of the present Select men, namely, John Kent Senʳ, Lieut. John Austin, and Serj. Abraham Adams.

4ᵗʰly, Voted to accept of the first deed of exchange of the thirty-two acres of land, which John Pengilley Senʳ, gave to the Town baring date in the reign of our late sovereign the Lady Anne.

5ᵗʰly, Voted to impower Lieut. John Austin and Serj. Abraham Adams to take care that those Deeds which concern the Town be executed according to Law.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield June the 12ᵗʰ, 1721.

1ˢᵗ, Peter Roe was chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2ᵈly, Voted to leave it with the Select Men to lease out the School Lot to William King, until the last Lease made to his father be out, and four years longer.

3ᵈly, Voted; Not to continue the dam (see p. 165), which Samuel Copley has made on Stony Brook, att the lower end of High Street.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Augᵗ yᵉ 16ᵗʰ, 1721;

First, Deacon Samuel Smith was chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

Also voted; that the Town by their Representative will Petition the General Court, to grant the Proprietors an equivelant for what is taken from our Township by the late Establishment. (See pp. 12, 13.)

Also, Granted to Serj. Abraham Adams, by a clear vote, full liberty to lay out thirty-two acres of land on that land which the town of Suffield had of John Pengilly Senʳ by way of exchange, provided: said Adams lay out said thirty-two acres upon a legal right: And provided that there be an High-way for the north side of it without purchase if there be occasion for it.

The desenters against the preceding vote relating to Abraham Adams, are Anthony Austin, Ebenezer Burbank, Jacob Adams, Samuel Copley, John Pengilly Junʳ.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, October yᵉ 4ᵗʰ, 1721, and held by adjournment on October yᵉ 9ᵗʰ 1721; Deacon John Hanchet being chosen Moderator for said meeting.

1ˢᵗ, It was agreed, and voted; to chuse three Trustees for to send for, receive, and dispose the Towns part of the *Fifty thousand pound according to the Towns instructions.

2ᵈly, It was voted to give said trustees thirty shillings per year, for their service, and to pay them in money for all their necessary money expense.

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* Suffield received £285 pounds or $950, for its share. To whom the money was loaned is unknown! The Town had the interest money, but was responsible for the principal, which was to be collected and returned to the Province in nine years. It was a scheme to raise money on a Province Loan, create more paper currency, and aid the towns to pay province rates or taxes.

3[d]ly, The Town made choice of Mr. John Devotion, Peter Roe, and John Kent Sen[r], for Trustees for said service.

4[th]ly, It was agreed, and voted; that said Trustees should let out said money for six per cent. anually.

5[th]ly, It was voted that the Trustees may let out any sum of said money, under thirty Pounds, upon good bond obligatory, with good sureties, and any sum or sums of thirty Pounds, or above thirty Pounds within the limits of the law to take land security, by good deeds of warrantee, the security being of thrible vallue to the sum so let.

6[th]ly, It was voted, that said Trustees shall, on the last Tuesday of January ycarly, pay the yearly interest of said money so lent, or so improved by them in behalf of the Town, to the Select men respectively, and said interest money to be improved for payment of the Publick Country money Taxes, and no other way.

October the 21[st], 1721, Mr. John Devotion, Peter Roe, and John Kent Sen[r], were sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust, in leting out the Town of Suffield's proportion of the Fifty Thousand Pounds granted by the General Court.

Att a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, December y[e] 8[th], 1721, and held likewise by adjournment on the 11[th] day of December, 1721.

Dea. John Hanchet was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2[d]ly, voted to raise 12 pounds for the poor.

Voted, also, to be att the charge of building four pewes* on each side of the Meeting House viz: four on the north side, and four on the south side.

Voted: also, that Mr. John Devotion should have the care of building the pews.

Also, voted: to repair the cushion for the pullpitt.

Also, voted: to new seat the Meeting House when the pews are made.

Also, voted: that the rules to be attended in seating, are first, and principly Estate; 2[d]ly, age, 3[d]ly, improvement.

Also, voted: that the Country List of valluation, and all lists since that being about three, be Improved as Rules to seat by.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, December y[e] 19[th], 1721: Lieut. John Austin was chosen Moderator.

1[st], Voted: to give ten shillings towards building the Court House† att Springfield.

2[d]ly, Voted, to prosecute in the law the relatives of the Widdo Froe, for their not doeing what the Court ordered them to do, towards her maintainance.

3[d]ly, John Burbank was by a clear vote chosen to prosecute the relatives of the Widdow Froe pursuant to the preceding vote.

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* The first pews *known* to have been built here.

† Springfield Records also indicate that the first Court House in Old Hampshire County was built in 1722–3. It was built by Town subscriptions, Springfield giving the sum of 90 pounds. Wm. G. Bates' printed address at the dedication of the present Court House, in Springfield, April 28, 1874, contains a cut representing the first Court House. Suffield appears to have contributed $1.66⅔ cents. Its Tax for one now building at Hartford will be about $10,000.

At an Anniversary or General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield March 1st, 17$\frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{4}$, for the choice of necessary Town Officers for the year insuing, and accordingly choice was made as followeth, viz: First, Benoni Banes was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

Select Men—Timothy Palmer, Peter Roe, Deacon John Hanchet, Benoni Banes, John Austin.

Constable—James King Junr.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Tything Men—Joseph King, James Smith Senr.

Land Measurer—Capt. Joseph Winchel.

Assessors—John Kent Senr, Benoni Banes, John Austin.

Sizer and Sealer of weights and measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Town Treasurer—Deacon John Hanchet.

Hogg Reeves—Samuel Lane, Benjamin Gillett, Richard Woolworth, Samuel Winchel, George Norton, Tho: Granger.

Fence Viewers—Benjamin Remington, William Halladay, Samuel Kent 2nd, Samuel Harmon 1st, Ensign Anthony Austin, Freegrace Norton.

Surveyors of Highways—Victory Sikes, Samuel Palmer, Josiah Hale, William King, Jacob Adams.

The names, and time of those officers that are sworn to their several places of trust. March ye 1st 17$\frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{4}$, John Austin, Joseph King, Benj. Remington, William Halladay, Samuel Kent 2nd, Freegrace Norton, Samuel Winchel, and George Norton. March ye 5th 17$\frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{4}$, James King, William King, Samuel Lane. March ye 9th, sworn, Benjamin Gillett, Richard Woolery. March ye 16th, sworn, Samuel Palmer, & Jacob Adams; 24th, Victory Sikes, James Smith, Josiah Hale, Thomas Granger Junr. March 16th, Assessors sworn. John Austin, Benoni Banes, Samuel Harmon 1st, April 24th, 1722. Ensign Anthony Austin, sworn Aprill.

Att a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March ye 25th, 1723, 1st, John Austin was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

2dly, It was voted; the swine for the year ensuing may go at large according as the Law directs.

3d, Victory Sikes was chosen Surveyor of High ways for the year insuing.

4th, The Town by a clear vote made choice of Deacon John Hanchet, John Austin, and Peter Roe, to be a Committee, to make up accounts with John Burbank, Late Town Treasurer, to see how ye state of the Town Treasury stands.

5thly, The Town by a clear vote, made choice of Peter Roe, John Burbank, and Capt. Joseph Winchel, as a Committee to se that the High-ways be not straitened in their full bredth: to give warning to those that joyn upon Highwaies to run their lines, and to renew their bounds, and where they find persons have fenced in any part of any Highway, or any waies Incumbered the Highways, to give them notice forthwith, to remove the same, and in case they be not removed, then to prosecute such Incumberers in a course of law, unless such as the Town agree, see cause to agree with the person about.

6thly, Granted by a clear vote to Joseph Harmon Jr, the way that lyeth on the south side of Olds field commonly so called, in Old street or that runneth

from Old Street westward, the whole length of said Olds Lot, and so far Westward eight rod wide, as to meet with a way to be allowed out of said Harmons Land: s^{d} Joseph Harmon giving the Town a good or lawfull Deed, or conveyance of a way, four rods wide threw his lot, and part of John Harmon's, untill it comes fairly into y^{e} way again.

7^{thly}, The question put to y^{e} Town, whether they would proceed in building the pews in the Meeting House according to the votes that were passed Last December, or come to new votes in that matter; by a clear vote, it was determined to come to new votes, and accordingly it was first voted, to build 8 pews in the Meeting House, four on the north side, and four on the south side, as soon as it could conveniently be effected.

2nd, Serj. Joseph Remington, John Trumble the first, and Mr. John Devotion, were chosen a Committee to take care to get y^{e} said pews made, as soon as may be.

Att a Legall Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield May the 11th, 1732, the following votes were made relating to y^{e} particulars mentioned, in the order for said meeting.

1st, John Austin was chosen Moderatour for s^{d} Meeting.

2nd, John Kent was chosen Trustee in the stead or place of his father * John, Kent deceased.

3^{d}, Joseph Remington chosen assessor in the stead, or place of John Kent deceased.

4th, John Burbank chosen Town Treasurer for the remainder of the year, and to have Ten Shillings for his service in that office.

5th, Relating to y^{e} Execution taken out against the relations of the Widow Froe, Voted; that such of the said relatives as shall within Ten Daies give bond to y^{e} Select Men to perform what they are behind of what the Court ordered them to do, towards her maintainance, and pay the charge of the execution, shall have their names taken out of the execution, or credit given them on said execution: And that the said execution be levied on such as shall refuse so to do.

6^{thly}, Relating to y^{e} Seating of y^{e} Meeting House: Voted, 1st, that the rules for Seating be first, and principally Estate, 2nd, age, 3^{d}ly, that where there is an equality between persons; the more ancient Inhabitant themselves, or their children, to have the preferance. 4th, The Seaters to take the list of the year that the valluation was taken, and all the lists of Estate ever since, and as many lists more as can be found, or come at, since the last seating.

5th, Voted: that, there be three men chosen to be Seaters, and the men chosen were, Peter Roe, Joseph Remington, and John Austin.

6thly, That the aforesaid Seaters shall set a valluation on the seats, and pews; and therein to have regard to the estimation of such seats in the neighbouring ancient Towns, wherein they agree in y^{e} general.

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* John Kent Sen. died Apr. 11th, 1721. He was son of Sam^{l} Kent Sen^{r}, was not an original proprietor, but was an early settler, and a prominent citizen. (See p. 36.)

7th, Voted, that with respect to Deacon Mixture, and Joseph Ruggles, the Seaters should seat them according to their best judgment, without regard to y^e^ rules for Seating others.

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, June 25th, 1722, John Austin being first chosen Moderator of the s^d^ Meeting, the following votes was made.

1st, It was voted that the Seaters do seat Mr. John Devotion * according to their best Judgment, as it was left with them for seating Mr. John Mixer † and Mr. Joseph Ruggles.‡

2nd, Voted, to give liberty to such married men as shall give in their names within seven days, unto the seaters, to be at the charge of building pews over the Gallery Stairs for them, and their wives to sit in, so many agreeing of such as the seaters shall accept of, as may be sufficient for both pews; otherwise, to allow so many young men to joyn with them, as may be sufficient to sit in them; such young men paying rates, and to sit in y^e^ pew over the mens stares only, and that the pews be so built, as not to hinder y^e^ stairs to be made for y^e^ upper galleries, and that such as shall build s^d^ pews in the gallery, or over the stairs, when their estate shall be sufficient to bring them higher; then, such persons to have power to sell their right in such pews, to such other, as the Town shall accept of.

3d, Voted: that no Boys under the age of Thirteen nor Girls under y^e^ age of Twelve years, be allowed to sit in y^e^ Galleries. Voted y^t^ y^e^ present seating be for four years and not longer.

4th, Voted: to be at (all Necessary Charge,) or at the charge of all Necessary repairs of the Meeting House.

6th, Voted; to chouse three men to be a Committee to se the meeting house repaired according to y^e^ foregoing vote.

7th, Votod; that Deacon John Hanchet, Joshua Leavitt, and John Burbank, bo a Committee to se to y^e^ repairing y^e^ Meeting House, and said Committee shall not uncover, nor new shingle y^e^ Meeting House unless it be by further order of y^e^ Town.

Voted: that there be a by Law made, to prevent Geese going upon y^e^ Commons.

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Sept. y^e^ 21st, 1722:

1st, John Austin was chosen Moderator of said Meeting, and then the following votes ware passed.

1st, The question being put to y^e^ Town, whether they did esteem the late Seating of the House of God to be Regular, and Decent: it passed in the negative.

2nd, Voted: to try for a Regulation of y^e^ said Late Seating of y^e^ house of God that it may be more Decent, and to better satisfaction. In order thereto:

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* Father of Rev. Ebenezer Devotion, (See p. 89.)

† For Dea. John Mixer, see note, p. 217.

‡ For Mr. Joseph Ruggles, see note, p. 214.

3d, Voted, that if John Austin be willing to come back; that he take a Seat in the body of the Meeting House for his Seat, in regard of his Tuning the Psalm.

4th, Voted: that David Winchel Senr, do set in the first, or fore Pew.

5th, Voted: that Edmund Marshal do set in ye fore Pew.

6th, Voted: that Thomas Granger Senr do take the second pew for his seat.

7th, Voted that John Austin do take ye fore seat in ye body of ye Meeting House for his seat in regard of tuning the psalm, which se Austin declared his acceptancy of.

8th, Voted: that Capt Richard Austin do take the 2nd pew for his seat.

9th, Voted that Capt. Joseph Winchel, do take ye second pew for his seat.

10th, Voted: that Benoni Banes, do take the fore seat for his seat.

11th, Voted that *James Smith Senr, do take his seat in ye 4th seat, And the meeting was adjourned to Monday the first day of October, at one of ye clock in the Afternoon.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield by adjournment October ye 1st 1722, the several votes were past.

1st, voted, that the men appointed to se what Incumbrances are upon the High Wales do proceed in that affair, so as to bring in a report what they find, unto the Town at the next Town meeting.

2d, Upon some Considerable Discourse, some persons manifesting their Dislike of Seating persons by votes, or voting persons into their seats; It was by a full vote agreed, to appoint two men more, to joyn with the former seaters to Regulate ye Late Seating; to bring persons forward so many as they can find Room for, and to do it according to their own best Judgment, and to finnish their work this week; so as to give persons notice of their seats before the next Sabbath. The men chosen to joyn with the seaters were, Deacon John Hanchet, and Saml Kent Senr.

3d, Voted: to choose a man or men to see that John Burbank, Town Treasurer do speedily gather the Town debts, and pay out such moneys to ye Select Men to be desposed of to the Towns use, and in case he doth not, nor is in the use of proper means for getting such moneys, the said Committee to prosecute the said Treasurer in a course of law, for his neglect, at ye next Court. The men chosen were, Benoni Banes, and Joshua Leavitt.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, Nove. ye 9th, 1722, First, John Austin was chosen Moderator.

2nd, Voted, to leave it with the Select Men to allow persons for keeping Goodman Elger, ye widow Froe, and Lydia Granger, after the same lay as the Town have now voted to others, for keeping of them.

3d, Voted, to be at the whole charge of repairing the Meeting House in Merchantable wheat, at six shillings per bushel, peas at six shillings per bushel,

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*Brother of Ebenezer Smith, and grandson of the Rev. Henry Smith.

rye at four shillings per bushel, and Indian corn at two shillings, and six pence p^{r} bushel, or in money, saving what the Committee have, or must expend in money and that to be paid in money.

4th, Voted, to raise 12 pounds for providing for y^{e} poor, and finishing the repairing the Meeting House, and then y^{e} Meeting adjourned, to the 13th, of November, at 9 of y^{e} clock, in y^{e} forenoon.

At a meeting held by adjournment November y^{e} 13th, 1722, Voted; to give *Mr. Joseph Ruggles five shillings per day, for every day he wrought about y^{e} pews, and eighteen pence per day for Richard Austin, and the Committee for said pews to bring in a particular account to the Select Men of the work done about s^{d} pews.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, November y^{e} 20th, 1722, Agreed, and voted, by a clear vote, John Burbank was chosen Moderator to order said meeting.

2nd, That Ichabod Smith, have the Towns liberty to take up, or Lay out, for his own proper use upon a good right, that part of y^{e} highway that lyeth at the front, or west end of said Smiths lot, which was formerly laid out to John Severance. The width of said lot from the front to the country road, provided said Smith do lay out, or take up said land within a month from the date hereof, as also to pay all the reasonable charge that the committee for y^{e} Town hath been at, in examining into said affair.

3^{d}, Voted, to relinquish y^{e} vote made to grant the Towns money to y^{e} Select Men for y^{e} use of the poor, and that the Towns money do still rest in the treasury till orderly passed out.

4th, Voted, to take up the sute now commenced against y^{e} Town Treasurer, and to null y^{e} Committees power chosen to prosecute the same, and s^{d} committee viz: Benoni Banes, and Joshua Leavit, to act no further upon it.

5th, To recumpence Thomas, and Matthew Copley, for Damage don by high wales running through their land they making it appear. John Burbank, Moderatour.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, December, the 24th, 1722. John Austin being chosen Moderator of said meeting, the following votes were passed.

1st, Voted; that the Towns Trustees, namely; Benoni Banes, and Joshua Leavitt, Do prosecute the action that is commenced against John Burbank, Town Treasurer, to be heard, and tryed at the next Court.

2nd, It being proposed to y^{e} Town whether they would grant to Ichabod Smith, a liberty to appropriate to his own use, that land that lies at the front of his lot, that was laid out to John Severance, between said lot and said highway,

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*Joseph Ruggles, son of Rev. Benjamin, by trade a carpenter, removed to New Haven 1722, and to New Milford 1733. He was the grandfather of Chief Justice Ruggles of New York. (Hist. of New Milford.)

that is; so far as the Town have power so to grant, he, said Smith, paying to y^e^ Town so much as Indifferent men shall judge said land to be worth, so obtained upon the Towns right. It passed on the negative.

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*HIGHWAY FROM OLD STREET TO STONEY BROOK.

January the 16^th^, 172$\frac{1}{2}$.* Then, we the Subscribers, pursuant to a vote of y^e^ Town March y^e^ 22^nd^, 1721, Laid out a Highway, from y^e^ Highway granted on the South Side of Stoney Brook, Leading to Tainters Hill, to y^e^ Highway that leads out west over Winchills Bridge. We began at the Highway, on the South Side of Stoney Brook, where we marked a young walnut staddle, at y^e^ bottom of y^e^ Hill, and a young Elm standing near y^e^ Brook, both on y^e^ North Easterly Side of s^d^ way, which bears its breadth Eight Rods Southwesterly from s^d^ mark'd Trees, taking in the path, or Hampton Old Road, where it comes over the Brook: Then on y^e^ Northerly Side of the Brook, we marked a black oak Tree near the Brook, which is the South west corner Bounds of Joseph Remington's Land, that was laid out to John Hodge: from thence it runs the same bredth up y^e^ Hill, or to y^e^ plain Land, where we marked a black oak on y^e^ Westerly side, and a small walnut bush with a heap of stones at y^e^ root of it: on the Easterly side of s^d^ bush stands a great crooked white oak stump; from thence to y^e^ South East Corner of Dibble's Land as we supposed, where was two stones on the Westerly side of y^e^ way, against which, on the Easterly side, we marked a young white oak, and so going Norward we laid it 8 Rods wide between the lots laid out on both sides of s^d^ way, and turning the Norwest Corner of Joseph Remington's Land purchased of Nathan^ll^ Harman, the Corner stake standing in a Corner, between y^e^ Highway, and a little Gutter that runs across y^e^ way, just after it turns y^e^ Corner: y^e^ way still bearing its bredth till it comes to y^e^ Highway that turns out to Norton's Bridge. (Old Book, p. 199.)

Entered Janury y^e^ 16^th^ 172$\frac{1}{2}$.

PETER ROE,
BENONI BANES, } Selectmen.
JOHN AUSTIN,

February the 22^d^, 17$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$.† Then, We the subscribers laid out the high-way, that turns out norward from the highway that runs from Crooked Lane to Bushes Bridge, through y^e^ land laid out to Quintan Stockwell deceased, as nigh as we could in the same manner as it was formerly laid out, and recompence made to said Stockwell for. We began at a white oak tree standing about twelve or thirteen rods westward of the southeast corner bounds of said Stockwells land; which tree we marked facing to said way, and ranging with it, from which tree we run or laid the s^d^ way, till we came over an old cart path, which we supposed to be the Adamses path to their swamp, called the spruce swamp; where we marked a red, or black oak tree, on three sides, from which

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*This was that part of the Hampton, or County Road, now called Remington St. (See p. 207.)

†This highway is in the North District, First Society, from Horace Halliday's dwelling house, northerly.

range of trees, said way is to bear its breadth twenty rods westward upon the high land, so as to take in the cart path as it now goes.

PETER ROE,
BENONI BANES,
JOHN AUSTIN.

At a Legall Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, being convened, and mett for the choice of necessary Town (officers) for the year Insuing, and other Concerns, the following votes were past, and persons chosen to their several places of trust, March y^{e} 11th, 17$\frac{2}{3}$.

1st, John Burbank was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

2nd, Voted, that the Town do accept of the proposals of Samuel Kent Jun^{r}, Samuel Halladay, and Josiah Kent respecting the maintenance of their Grandmother Froe the year Insuing, according to the tennour of a Writing under their hands, bearing date the 2nd day of January last past.

Select Men—Deacon John Hanchet, Capt. Joseph Winchel, John Burbank, Ebenezer Burbank & Josiah Hale.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constable—Timothy Palmer.

Tything Men—Joseph Remington, Nathaniel Warner.

Assessors—John Burbank, Joseph Winchel, John Austin.

Fence Viewers—Fearnot Burlison, Samuel Palmer, Samuel Spencer, George Norton, John Harmon, Benjamin Gillet, Thomas Granger Jun, Caleb Allen.

Surveyors of High ways—Benjamin Remington, Daniel Adams, Joseph Harmon Jun^{r}, Samuel Lane, Thomas Copley.

Sizer & sealer of weights & measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Land measurer—Capt. Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Hog Reeves—Samuel Palmer, Ebenezer Nash, Abraham Granger.

Att this meeting it was voted, that swine may go at large being regulated according to Law.

Lastly, voted, to be at the charge of a new * Town Book, to enter Town Votes in, and other things necessary, or proper to be entred in the Town Book of records. An account of the swaring of the Town officers within mentioned: John Burbank, Assessor, and Town Treasurer, Timothy Palmer, Constable, John Austin, Town Clerk, and Assessor, Joseph Winchel, Assessor, and Land Measurer, Sworn, March y^{e} 11th, 17$\frac{2}{3}$. Thomas Copley, and John Harmon, sworn, March y^{e} 11th, 17$\frac{2}{3}$. Nathaniel Warner, George Norton, Fearnot Burleson, Samuel Spencer, Caleb Allen, Joseph Remington, Ebenezer Nash, Benjamin Gillet, Benjamin Remington, Abraham Granger, Thomas Granger Jun^{r}, Samuel Palmer, Joseph Harmon Jun^{r}, sworn, March y^{e} 18th, 17$\frac{2}{3}$. Daniel Adams, sworn May y^{e} 13th, 1723. Note: That, where persons are said to be sworn, are so to their respective offices, so, also where persons sustain more places of trust than one. Given in to be entred, John Hanchet, Joseph Winchel, John Burbank, Selectmen.

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* This Book is "Suffield Town Records No. 2." It cost £1, 4s, 6d. It contains an unbroken record of Town Acts from 1724 to 1849, a period of 125 years. It has been rebound, and is in good condition.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, May the 18th, 1728. John Burbank being chosen Moderator; The following vote was past:

1st, Voted, that Swine may go at large being yoaked, and ringed according to the Law.

Att a Lawfull Town Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, December the 9th, 1728:

1st, Joseph Winchel was chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd, Voted, in said meeting, to raise Twelve Pounds for the support of the poor.

3d, Voted to raise Thirteen Pounds in money for y^e^ procuring of a Town stock of powder. (See p. 198.)

4th, By a clear vote the Select men were Impowered to do something for the present necessity toward repairing y^e^ School house, and Meeting House. Given in to be recorded by Joseph Winchel, Moderator.

Att a General, or Anniversary meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March the 9th, 17$\frac{2}{3}$, for the choice of Town Officers for y^e^ year Insuing, John Kent being chosen Moderator of said Meeting, the following choice was made:

Select Men—*Deacon John Mixer, Joseph Remington, John Pengilly, Joseph Harmon Junr, John Kent.

Surveyors of High ways—John Old, Samuel Lane, Jared Huxley, Daniel Adams, William Halladay.

Hogg Reeves—Nathaniel Harmon 1st, Fearnot Burleson, Matthew Copley, William King.

Assessors—Capt. Joseph Winchel, Joseph Remington, John Kent.

Fence Viewers—Medad Pumry, Samuel Harmon 2nd, Samuel Halladay, James King Senr, Josiah Kent, Thomas Smith Junr.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constable—Asaph Leavitt.

Sealer of weights and measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Land Measurer—Capt. Joseph Winchel.

Tithing Men—John Warner Senr, Samuel Harmon 1st.

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*Deacon John Mixer was the son of Isaac of Watertown, Mass., b. March 5, 166$\frac{6}{7}$. Mar. Abigail Fiske, Aug. 15, 1695. He was a "Tanner" at Watertown. (See Hist. of Watertown.) He removed to Connecticut, and was the first settler and planter of Ashford, Ct., in 1710. He was also its first Town Clerk, and Trensurer, Tavern Keeper, Select Man, and Deacon. In 1721-2 the community there were greatly disturbed by his removal to Suffield, at which date himself and two daughters were dismissed to the church here. (Hist. of Windham Co.) Whether he followed his trade here is unknown. He located on the 50 acre homestead grant of Isaac Cakebread, near "Rawlins Brook." He was a Select Man here in 1724, and 1730. His son John mar. Abigail the dau. of the Rev. John Woodbridge of W. Springfield, Oct. 30. 1734. All trace of Dea. John Mixer after 1730 in the Suffield Records disappears.

*Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March y^e 12^th, 17^23. Agreed, and voted as followeth, viz: First, by a clear vote, John Mixer was chosen Moderator, to order said Meeting.

2^nd, The Town by a clear vote made choice of John Kent to be their Agent to manage in the behalf of said Town, to manage according to the best of his discretion in, and for the procuring for y^e s^d Town, the Priviledges of † Connecticut Government. Entered by order of John Mixer, Moderator.

Select Men { John Mixer, John Pengilley Jun^r, Joseph Remington.

March y^e 12^th 17^23. In Town meeting we the subscribers do protest against any attempts of falling off to Connecticut from y^e Government by whome we had our first settlement, and do declare our aversion to such an action which seems to us to have much of rebellion, or faction in it, therefore do desent from all acts at this meeting tending that way: Richard Austin, Nathaniel Austin, Timothy Palmer, John Marshall, Anthony Austin, Nathaniel Hamlin, Joseph Winchel, Benoni Banes, John Austin.

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‡A HIGHWAY BETWEEN MR. JOHN DEVOTION'S AND CAPT. AUSTIN'S, FROM HIGH STREET TO FEATHER STREET.

Whereas the Highway at the middle of the Town that Lead to and from High Street, as formerly laid out was not Returned with any certain breadth, and most of y^e bounds then erected lost and gon we the Subscribers Did Judge meet to now lay y^e same Discribing it by the breadth and Bounds as near the place where it formerly was Laid as we could come at;—We began where s^d way turns out of High Street between Mr. John Devotions, and Richard Austin's Lots, where measuring we found above the Nine Rod, and Do Determine that s^d way of Nine rod wide Do ly in equal proportion Distant from the Fences of said Lots as they now stand; Then we proceeded eastwardly about a Hundred or six score Rod about midway between the first stone and the second where the first Bridge is and fixed a stake and stone on the South side of the way, by s^d Austin's fence and another at y^e Distance of nine Rod from it North, being the breadth of s^d way: Then we passed towards the Rear of the s^d Devotion's Lot, where his Fence is taken in across the South East corner of his Lot for the benefit of y^e Highway there, and fixed a Stake where s^d way enters first on s^d Lot in the corner or turn of Mr. Devotion's Fence, from which Stake it lyeth nine Rod wide south; there we fixed a stake and stone, at y^e East end of s^d Devotions Lot where s^d fence so taken in joyns to his Rear fence, also opposite to s^d stake at the Distance of nine Rod South we fixed a Stake and Stone. Then we proceed a little further North Easterly to the South side of a pond and fixed a stake and stone by a smal knave wood Tree: and

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*This was the last Town Meeting recorded in the Original Book of Records, for the Acts of the Committee, and Town Acts, called the "Old Book." (See Preface.)

† See note on page 206, and p 222.

‡ In 1673 this Highway was ordered by the committee to be laid out 16 or 20 R. Wide (p. 63). In 1678 it was laid out 12 R. Wide (p. 71). In 1685 its bounds "were set" by the County Court (p. 106). In 1701 it was relaid by the Select Men "about 9 or 10 Rods Wide" (p. 140).

another at y^e^ Distance of nine Rods south: nextly a little further in or near the same point we fixed a stake and stone by a black oak staddle and another opposite nine Rod South by a maple Staddle, a little further on or near that course on either side of y^e^ gravel pitt at y^e^ Distance of nine Rod assunder two stakes and stones by them. Then in the west side of y^e^ swamp where the long cause'y is by a swamp white oak Tree Deemed to be a side bounde of Benoni Banes his lot we fixed a stake and stone, and opposite thereto at y^e^ Distance of nine Rod South we fixed another then passing eastward to the top of y^e^ Hill on y^e^ Wast Side of y^e^ Bridge and low land that lies next to William Holladays, where we fixt a stake and stone by a white oak Tree being Reputed a bounder of s^d^ Baneses Lot and opposite thereto at y^e^ Distance of nine Rod South, we fixed another Stake and Stone and further Eastward on the West Side of y^e^ Bridge last mentioned nigh the same we fixed a Stake and Stone, and South at y^e^ Distance of nine Rod we fixed another. Next we Determined the walnut Tree which is the South East corner of Eastmans Lott so Recorded since Benoni Baneses Lott and now in possession of Sam'll alias Benjamin Remington by y^e^ North side of said way and opposite at y^e^ Distance of nine Rod, being the breadth of s^d^ way we fixed a stake and stone and so Determined that y^e^ Highway Do hold its breadth by a strait line from one bound to another on both sides of the s^d^ way as they are fixed and that the said way Do Continue its course on both sides from said Walnut Tree and Stake and Stone Last mentioned Direct According to the course of said way till it come or extend eastward to feather Street common.

Dated March y^e^ 9^th^ 172¾. Entred in the Town Clerk's office March y^e^ 9^th^ 172¾, and recorded by order of y^e^ Selectmen.

JOHN HANCHET, JO'S WINCHELL,
EBENEZER BURBANK, JOSIAH HALE, } Select Men.
JOHN BURBANK,

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*A HIGHWAY FROM SPRINGFIELD ROAD TO THE STATED COMMONS WESTWARD.

For as much as it hath been thought Necessary with Regard principly to feather Street Inhabitants that there should be a Highway Layed out from Springfield Road thence Westward to the stated common and in as much as the Town and proprietors have given some manifestation that it is their pleasure that it should be so: we therefore the Subscribers have laid out a Highway of six Rods in breadth it begins at Springfield Road on the Norwest side thereof at a great white oak Tree mark'd; s^d^ Highway taking its breadth Norward from said Tree: s^d^ Tree standing Northward of y^e^ Twenty acres laid out to Obediah Miller, from which white oak, s^d^ Highway Runs Westwardly so strait a course as may be without Infringing on Divided Land untill it come to y^e^ eastward end of y^d^ secon Division Land which John Pengilly exchanged with y^e^ Town; y^e^ south side of y^e^ way bounding at y^e^ corner of Land now in possession of Abraham Adams and commonly caled y^e^ new field; from y^e^ corner of which field and the stake and stone there set we layed y^e^ Highway baring more to y^e^ south west about Twelve perch to a stake and stone standing

*This was a private highway in 1684 (p. 71, old Book), and a town highway in 1691 (see p. 116).

where there is a great crook in s^{d} way, which we made to gain the best place for passing over y^{e} Brook and through y^{e} swamp that is there: which stake and stone stands on the south side of s^{d} way. Thence baring somewhat North of the West across y^{e} s^{d} Brook and swamp to a popler Tree mark'd and a stake and stone standing at y^{e} Root of it an being on the South side of y^{e} s^{d} way thence Running on to the Hill, called Stevensons a strait course and on the Highest ground and also up s^{d} Hill on the best ground for s^{d} way to a Stake and stone standing on s^{d} Hill, Thence Running more Northwardly a strait course to y^{e} Stated Common the center or Middle of y^{e} Breadth of s^{d} way butting against a little pine Tree mark'd, Standing near the Eastward Edge or side of s^{d} Common.

Dated at Suffield in y^{e} year 1723. Entred in y^{e} clerks office March y^{e} 9th 172$\frac{4}{5}$, & Recorded by order of y^{e} select men.

JOSEPH WINCHEL. JOHN BURBANK. }
EBENEZER BURBANK. } Select men.

At a Legal Meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants of Suffield on May y^{e} 12th 1724. John Kent being first chosen Moderator y^{e} following votes were past.

1st, Josiah Sheldon proposing to the Town that he would procure a Town Stock of ammunition by the last of June next; the danger of y^{e} seas excepted, and to take his pay when it can be raised in the usual time of Rating and that the Town shall have it at y^{e} market price in Boston for ready money the Town only to pay the prime cost with Lawful Interest; and the Town to run all venture of Transportation and the charge thereof; which proposal the Town accepted and voted that y^{e} money should be raised accordingly.

2, Joshua Leavit and Sam^{ll} Palmer were chosen to serve upon y^{e} Jury of tryals at y^{e} Inferiour Court next to be holden at Springfield.

3, Voted, that swine may go at large for y^{e} year insueing being yoaked and ringed according to Law.

4, Voted to throw up a Highway that was laid out through M^{r} Ruggles his farm there having been no Recompence made for the same, and there being little occasion for s^{d} Highway. (See p. 191.)

5, John Kent was chosen to Represent the Town in the great and general Court to be begun and held Boston y^{e} 27th of May currant, and the several sessions thereof y^{e} year Insueing.

Att a Meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants of Suffield, August y^{e} 13th 1724:

Deacon John Mixer being chosen Moderatour, the following votes were past:

1st, Voted to improve Mr. William Allen to Teach Schoole sometime further.

2^{d}, Voted to allow Mr. William Allen for Teaching Schoole both English and Grammar after the rate of Thirty pound p^{r} year for the time he shall so Teach.

3d, Voted to choose a man to make an address to His Majesties Justices of y^e^ peace at the next Court to obtain an order to Inforce the Relatives of y^e^ Widow Priscilla Froe to do y^e^ whole or part toward her maintainance, as their Hon^rs^ shall see meet unless the s^d^ Relatives shall agree with the man so chosen within eight or ten daies.

4th, John Pengilley Jun^r^ was chosen to make an address as agreed on in y^e^ foregoing vote.

At this Meeting were chosen Jury Men and Granjurymen as followeth, viz.:

Grand Jury Men for y^e^ Inferiour Court—Jonathan Remington and John Harmon.

Petty Jurymen—Samuel Hathaway and Caleb Allen.

Grand Jury Men for Superiour Court—Samuel Copley and Jacob Adams. Sen^r^.

Petty Jurymen—Deacon John Mixer, John Burbank, and James Smith, Sen^r^

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield on Wednesday 23d day of December, 1724, John Austin being chosen Moderatour the following votes were passed:

1st, Voted to allow *Mr. John Devotion Sen^r^, 8^s^ and 8^d^ pr week for keeping y^e^ Widow Frow for the time he kept her the last year; and to allow others that have kept y^e^ s^d^ Widow; or that may keep her any part of this year after the same lay, and no more unless such persons as may or have kept her can demonstrate to y^e^ Select Men that by reason of extraordinary sickness or Difficulties of the Winter; they may in y^e^ judgment of the Select Men deserve more.

2d, Voted to allow 3^s^ and 6^d^ p^r^ week for keeping Lydia Granger y^e^ Summer past.

3d, Voted, That y^e^ Select Men do allow Samuel Copley in the Bill of charge of this year what they shall Judge Reasonable for repairing the Bridge over Stoney Brook.

4th, Voted; to allow Benjamen Allen 6^s^ p^r^ week for keeping Lidia Granger until the first Meeting of the Select Men after the General Town Meeting in March next.

5th, Voted; to Raise 20£ for y^e^ Relief of y^e^ poor the Insueing year.

6th, Voted; to allow Thomas Granger Jun^r^, in the Bill of Charge of this year so much as he paid for Isaac Granger's Pole before he was Ratable; s^d^ Thomas Granger making it evident unto the Select Men that he was so rated.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield on Monday the 11th day of January 172½ Deacon John Hanchett being chosen Moderatour the following votes were passed:

Whereas John Pengilly, Sen^r^, hath by two Quitt-Claimes made surrender of one Tract of Land to the town in consideration of so much Land by him taken

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*Father of the Minister.

up nigh his Meadow, one of which viz: That Recorded February the sixteenth 17$\frac{1}{16}$ in y^{e} records of y^{e} county of Hampshire in Book No. (6) page 551 is given with the following Restrictions or Reservations; that it do forever ly Common, unfenced and untaken up forever.

Voted, that said John Pengilly Sen^{r}, nor his Heirs shall be hurt or prejudiced by y^{e} restrictions or Reservations above said, Provided s^{d} Pengilly his Heirs, Successours or Assigns do no way mollest Interrup or hinder the Proprietors or any holding under them in fencing or improving the Land, by him y^{e} said Pengilly Demnified or surrendered in the s^{d} Quitt Claim.

2^{d}, Voted; to allow John Kent (for the time he spent and for his charges in going Agent for the Town to Connecticut to mannage in the Town's behalf to obtain Connecticut privileges conferred uppon s^{d} Town) Six shillings per day for Sixteen Daies.*

3^{dly}, Voted; to Allow y^{e} Widow Experience Huxley five Shillings p^{r} week for the time she kept Goodman Elgar, besides the six weeks sickness, or to make up what was voted Last Town Meeting five shillings p^{r} week.

4^{thly}, Voted that the Town Treasurer do at the next May Court prosecute all such of the Relatives of the Widow Prescilla Frow as are or shall be behinde in doing what they were obliged to do towards their s^{d} Grand Mother Froe's maintainance in order to recover such Debts as are due from them to the Town, and s^{d} Town Treasurer to take the Select Men's Direction therein.

5^{thly}, Voted, That y^{e} Select Men Do Demand and Receive of the Trustees of the Town's Bank money what interest Money is Due to the Town, and that s^{d} money be by y^{e} Select Men paid out towards payment of the Town's Stock, and the Remainder towards paying the Representative.

Lastly, it being proposed to the Town whether they would Raise fifteen pounds to procure what is wanting of y^{e} Town stock and being put to the vote it passed in the Negative.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield, March the 8th 172$\frac{4}{}$ for the choice of Necessary Town Officers and some other Concerns, John Kent being chosen Moderator to order s^{d} Meeting, the following choice was made and votes passed.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Select Men—Capt. Joseph Winchel, Dea. John Hanchet, Peter Roe, John Kent, and John Austin.

Constable—John Trumble y^{e} 1st.

Tything Men—John Devotion, Sen^{r}, Ebenezer Nash.

Assessors—Joseph Winchel, John Kent, John Austin.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Sizer and Sealer of W^{te} and Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Surveyors of Highways—Ens. Anthony Austin, Noah Smith y^{e} 1st, William Halladay, and Josiah Kent.

Sealer of Leather—Samuel Sikes.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

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* See page 218.

Fence Veiwers—Benjamin Allen y^e^ 1^st^, Sam'll Granger y^e^ 1^st^, Matthew Copley, Samuel Kent, Jun^r^, Samuel Remington, Samuel Halladay, Nathan^ll^ Harmon, 1^st^, Josiah Hale.

Hogg-reeves—George Norton, Sen^r^, Samuel Granger y^e^ 2^d^, Samuel Kent y^e^ 3^d^, Noah Smith y^e^ 2^nd^.

1^st^, At this meeting voted that Liberty be Granted to any of y^e^ Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield to Build a Grist Mill or Grist Mills on any of y^e^ Streams in y^e^ Township of Suffield, and to Joyn one side or end of y^e^ Dam on Common Land or Highway.

2^d^, Voted that Iron shall pass and be accepted as Town pay, and shall pass and be Received into the Town Treasury at forty shillings p^r^ Hundred.

3^d^, Granted to John Burbank Town Treasurer a salary of twenty shillings for y^e^ Insuing Year.

4^th^, Whereas there is a Highway of Twenty rod wide Laid out through a parcel of Land (Laid out to Quinton Stockwell), now in the possession of Asaph Leavitt, to prevent trouble about s^d^ way———Voted to accept of a Highway of but Ten Rod wide, through s^d^ Land, provided said Asaph Leavitt, his Heirs or Assigns, Do not put y^e^ Town to any Trouble about, or Demand any further Recompence for said way.

5^th^, Granted to Samuel Smith y^e^ 3^d^ Abner Kent, Nathaniel Norton, Daniel Spencer, Thomas King, Jonathan Rising, and Abraham Burbank, Liberty to build a Pew for their own use over the womans stairs, provided they pay the Town forty Shillings for the priviledge.

Att a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Qualified as the Law Directs, to vote in Town Meetings, May the Tenth 1725, the following votes were passed:

1^st^, John Austin was chosen Moderator to order s^d^ meeting.

2^d^, John Kent by a clear vote was Chosen to Represent y^e^ Said Town at the Great and General Court at their Several Sessions the year Insuing.

3^d^, Voted to raise Twenty pounds in Town pay, to pay the Town Debts that are already contracted and for Reliefe of the poor.

4^th^ Voted that there shall be a Rate made (for the afores^d^ Twenty pounds) by the List that the Rates were made by the Last year.

5^thly^, Voted to Leave it with Peter Roe, John Burbank, and Joseph King, (who was chosen a committee to Repair the meeting House) to take care to have the meeting House Speedily Repaired So far as is needful for Repairing Seats and Windows in the best way they can for y^e^ Towns Advantage, and also to take care that some time between this and the last of next March, a Sufficient Number of Eighteen Inch Shingle good and merchantable be provided, and have them piled up by the Time afores^d^ that they may be ready to cover the Meeting House next year, and also so many Two foot Shingle as is needful for y^e^ gutters.

6^th^, Mr. John Devotion Jun^r^ proposing to the Town that he would provide Shingle, Boards and nails for covering the meeting House, and do it by the Last of July next, and to take his pay in Town pay next Spring and allow persons to get Shingle or Boards toward their Rates, which proposal the Town

accepted with these provisals, that y^e^ afores^d^ committee Inspect the work, that no shingle or boards be Improved for worke but such as they shall allow of, and that the Shingle be not put on before Winter unless they be so Seasonably got, as that in the Judgment of y^e^ s^d^ committee it may be thought best, or be voted by the Town.

7^th^, Granted to John Devotion Jun^r^. John Kent, Sam^ll^ Dwight, Joseph King, John Pengilley, Josiah Sheldon, Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^, Asaph Leavitt, Joshua Leavitt & *Jonathan Sheldon, to Build pews where the Guard Seats are, on both sides of the Great Door for y^mselves and familys, untill y^e^ Town shall se cause to take the s^d^ pews and pay y^e^ cost of Building them.

Att a Lawfull meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants and freeholders of Suffield, Qualifyed to vote in Town meetings, on Wednesday y^e^ 25^th^ of August, 1725, John Austin being chosen Moderatour for s^d^ meeting, the following votes were passed.

1^st^, The Question being put to the Town whether they would confirm the vote passed at a Town meeting on y^e^ 10^th^ Day of May last for raising Twenty pounds for payment of Town Debts & support of y^e^ poor and to make y^e^ Rate by y^e^ last years List. It passed in the negative, bein the 3^d^ and 4^th^ Articles in y^e^ fores^d^ meeting.

2^d^, The Question being put to the Town whether they would confirm the vote of the meeting afores'd for the choice of a committee for Repairing the meeting House and their worke. It passed in the afirmative being the fifth Article in s^d^ meeting.

3^d^, The Question being put to the Town whether they would confirm the vote of the afores^d^ meeting, Granting to Sundry persons Liberty to make pews where the †Guard Seats are, for themselves and familys untill such time as the Town shall se cause to take s^d^ pews, and pay for Building of them as by s^d^ vote appears, it being the Seventh Article. It passed in the negative. *Nemene Contradecente.*

4^th^, Voted to fill up the broad Alley by lengthening y^e^ mens and womens seats in the Body of y^e^ meeting House so as to Joyn in the middle of y^e^ Broad Alley and to Leave the care thereof with the afores^d^ Committee for Repairing the meeting House, and that s^d^ Committee Do se that s^d^ seats be ballestred according as is usial in other places.

5^th^, Voted to Allow of y^e^ alteration made (by the Selectmen) of y^e^ Highway that turns by John Kents to the Round Hill provided the Selectmen Do se that there be as much Land now in y^e^ way as was in the old one and that it be laid so as may be best for the way, and also to give s^d^ John Kent all their Right to the old way there as a compensation for the New way taken out of s^d^ Kents Land purchased of Benjamin Gillet, said Kent to be at all charge.

6^th^, Voted to Impower the Selectmen to agree with John Kent about y^e^ Land that Benjamin Gillet fenc'd in, in y^e^ Highway now in possession of John Kent afores^d^.

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*The pioneer settler and founder of the family in Sheldon Street.

† Guard seats to be occupied by armed men (on the Sabbath) were common in New England, until the close of the last French and Indian War, in 1763. The first meeting-house in Hartford in 1685 had guard seats.

Att the same meeting was chosen petty Jurymen for the Superior Court—Abraham Adams, Joseph Remington and Ensign Anthony Austin.

Grand Jurymen for y^r^ Superior Court—John Burbank and John Austin.

Petty Jurymen—Joseph King and Daniel Badger.

Grand Juriours—Cap't Joseph Winchel & Serj. James King.

Att a Lawful meeting of the Inhabitants and free holders of the Town of Suffield, Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in Town meeting, on Fryday the 3^d^ Day of December 1725. John Austin being chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting the following votes were passed.

1^st^, Voted to Allow Nathaniel Warner 6^s^ p^r^ week for keeping Goodman Elgar from March meeting to the time y^e^ Widow Huxley took him and for money Expended to Doctor and other things in his sickness, & mending clothes, 8^s^ 8^d^; for Tendance in sickness, 7^s^.

2^d^, Voted: to Allow y^e^ Widow Experience Huxley five shillings and Nine pence p^r^ week for the Time she hath kept Goodman Elgar, and 5^s^ & 6^d^ p^r^ week till the next March meeting.

3^d^, Voted to Leave it with the Select men to procure Clothing or Cloaths mended for the poor at the best lay they can for the Town.

4^thly^, Voted to raise Thirty pounds in Town pay for the support of the poor y^e^ year Insuing, and other unforseen charge that may happen.

5^th^, Voted to Allow Samuel Halladay 3^s^, & 6^d^, p^r^ week for keeping his Grandmother Froe, for the time he kept her, and 4^s^ over, for 3 weeks Extraordinary.

6^th^, Voted to free John Stockwell from the Town pay Rate this present year in Consideration of his keeping his mother.

7^th^, Voted to leave it with the Select men to Allow men what in their Judgment they think Reasonable for w't they have Don for the Town not now brought in.

8^th^, Whereas the town have Information that there is a fence set across y^e^ Highway or Road leading from High street to Springfield—Voted, that in case s^d^ fence be not Removed then to pay John Pengilly Jun^r^ for, and to Endemnifie him in Removing s^d^ fence.

9^th^, Voted, that Iron Do pass in all Town payments or Town pay Rates, and be accordingly accepted by the Town Treasurer at the Market price as it is sold at y^e^ Iron works in Suffield; and all sorts of provision pay at y^e^ money price as it passes from man to man in s^d^ Suffield—the ministers Rate Excepted. At this meeting John Pengilly was chosen to serve at the jury of Tryals at y^e^ next court at Northamton.

A HIGHWAY OVER RAWLIN'S BROOK.

May y^e^ 28^th^, 1725. Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Highway on the West side of y^e^ Lott in y^e^ possession of Deacon John Mixer, and s^d^ way Bounds East on it, the Discription of which way is as followeth: It begins at y^e^ Highway that Leads from s^d^ Mixers Land Westward to High Street, at which

beginning we laid y^{e} s^{d} Highway four Rod wide, thence Running Southwardly by s^{d} Mixers Land widdening s^{d} way Gradually until we came to y^{e} Brook commonly called Rawlins Brook, where we Laid s^{d} way Ten Rods Wide for Conveniency to pass s^{d} Brook, the Bank on y^{e} South side thereof being very Steep & Stoney, Thence Southerly about 12 Rods and tapering until it comes to a White Oak Tree marked on Two sides, supposed to be one of y^{e} Ranging Bounds of s^{d} Mixers Land at which Tree we Laid s^{d} way Three Rods in Bredth, thence, holding that Bredth untill it came to feather Street or y^{e} little Common Commonly called feather street Little Common, entring y^{e} Lane between y^{e} West corner of s^{d} Mixers Lot and the East Corner of John Burbanks Lot.

Entred by order of y^{e} Select Men December. y^{e} 29th, 1725.

JOHN HANCHET. PETER ROE. } Select Men.
JOS WINCHEL }

Att a General or Annaversary Town meeting at Suffield on Munday y^{e} Seventh Day of March 172$\frac{4}{5}$. for the Choice of Town officers for y^{e} year Insuing, John Austin being chosen Moderatour, y^{e} following choice was made,

Select Men,—Deacon John Hanchet, Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel, Corp^{ll} Samuel Kent, Joseph Remington, John Austin.

Tithing Men,—Samuel Spencer, & Asaph Leavitt.

Surveyors of Highways,—Sam^{ll} Hatheway, Medad Pumry, Abraham Granger, William King, Fearnot Burlison.

Assesors,—Joseph Winchel, John Austin, John Kent.

Town Clerk,—John Austin.

Constables,—Benjamin Remington, & John Rising.

Town Treasurer,—John Burbank.

Sealer of Leather,—Sam^{ll} Sikes.

Sizer and sealer of weights and measures,—Dea. John Hanchet.

Fence Viewers,—John Hanchet Jun^{r}. Josiah Kent, Daniel Badger, Joshua Kendal, Samuel Harmon, y^{e} 2^{d}, Benjamin Gillet.

Josiah Hale chosen *Constable*, & Refused.

Then the meeting Adjourned to Munday the 14th Day of March, at Ten of y^{e} Clock.

March y^{e} 14th, 172$\frac{4}{5}$, By Adjournment.

By a clear vote Matthew Copley chosen *Constable*.

Peter Roe, and John Warner, chosen *Hogg Reevs*.

1st, At this meeting, voted, that the Interest of y^{e} Town Bank* that is in the Trustees hands. be let out upon Interest, as the principle is Lett untill y^{e} Town se cause otherwise to order it.

2^{d}. Whereas it hath been Experienced that there is a very Great Inconveniancy In the wheels of Ox Carts Going so near together as the usial manner of this Town is: Therefore, Voted, that if any person or persons from and after the Last Day of May next, Do presume to go upon any of y^{e} Highways or private waies within y^{e} Township of Suffield, with a cart, with an axle Tree, shorter

* See p. 208.

than four foot and four Inches from Shoulder to Shoulder, and shall be thereof convicted before any of His Majesties Justices of y^e^ peace, shall forfeit five shillings, the one half thereof shall be to the complainer, and the other half to be paid into the Town Treasury, for, or towards the Support, or maintenance of y^e^ poor of y^e^ Town, and that the Select Men be hereby Desired to present this vote to the Honorable Justices of y^e^ peace for y^e^ County of Hampshire at their next Session in May, for their aprobation.

3^d^, Whereas: it hath been Experienced, Lambs coming in the Winter Season hath been very Detrimentall to Increase of Sheep. Therefore voted; that there shall no Ram be Suffered to go upon the commons in the Township of Suffield, from the Tenth Day of August next, to y^e^ fifteenth of November following: and so Annually for y^e^ space of Three years next comming; and that all, or any Ram or Rams that shall be found so going upon s^d^ commons shall be forfieted to y^e^ person that shall Discover and take them, and that y^e^ Select men Do take care that this vote be presented to the Hon^ble^ Justices of y^e^ Session of y^e^ peace, at y^e^ next session for their Sanction theron.

Att a Lawfull meeting of y^e^ free holders, and other Inhabitants of Suffield May y^e^ 12^th^ 1726: Joseph Winchel bein Moderator to order s^d^ meeting: Mr. John Burbank was chosen to Represent s^d^ Town in the Great and General Court at Boston the year Insuing.

May y^e^ 12^th^ 1726. Att a Lawfull meeting of the Frecholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Qualifyed as y^e^ Law Directs for voting in Town meeting; Capt Joseph Winchel being first chosen Moderator the following votes were passed:

1^st^, Voted to Reduce y^e^ Highway Leading from High Street to Springfield from Eight Rods wide to four Rods wide, from the south side of y^e^ Allotment Granted to Obadiah Miller, now in possession of Joseph King, to the Road, or Highway Leading from the Road afores^d^, to y^e^ upper end of Feather Street, And to allow s^d^ Joseph King y^e^ four Rods so Thrown up on y^e^ East side of s^d^ Highway, as a Recompence in part for y^e^ Highway going through his Miller Lot afores^d^.

2^d^, Jacob Austin, Benj. Pumry; Nathan^ll^ Pumry, Aaron Rising, John Granger, Ebenezer King, Jos. Remmington, Ichabod Smith Jun^r^, John Austin, Jonathan Remington petitioning for liberty to build a pew in High Seat, and Third seat in y^e^ front Gallery.

Voted, and Granted to y^e^ above named persons, liberty to build a pew at y^e^ North End of y^e^ Long hind seats in y^e^ Gallery, provided they build it according to y^e^ Direction of a Committee that may be appointed for that purpose; and provided they satisfie s^d^ Committee for their Trouble there about, and Do also when y^e^ Towns pleasure is, Resign s^d^ pew up to them. Provided also, the Town Do pay to persons the full value thereof in the Judgment of Indifferent persons. Also Granted to Nathan^ll^ Wooster, Richard Austin Jun^r^, Sam^ll^ Granger y^e^ 1^st^, Thomas Spenser, Nathan^ll^ Copley, John Burbank Jun^r^, and Sam^ll^ Harmon y^e^ 2^d^; a liberty to build a pew at y^e^ south end of s^d^ seats,

on y^e^ same condition as y^e^ pew at y^e^ North End was Granted. The Committee chosen for s^d^ purpose are John Kent, Joseph King, & John Pengilly Jun^r^.

3^d^, Voted to Leave it with the Selectmen to procure a Grammer Schoolmaster y^e^ year Insuing, and to agree with such School Master about his Sallery.

4^th^, Voted that any *Geece that shall be found going upon any of y^e^ commons within the Township of Suffield after the 20^th^ day of May currant, not having on a yoak with a bridge of 12 Inches long, and the other part 14 Inches in length y^e^ whole extent: the owner or owners of such Goose, or Geece, being thereof convicted before any of His Majesties Justices of y^e^ peace for the County of Hampshire, shall forfeit the sum of sixpence p^r^ head for such Geece: to him that shall prosecute and sue for y^e^ same; and that any person may take up such unyoaked Geece, and secure them for the space of Three Daies, and if no owner appear to take care of s^d^ Geece and pay s^d^ fine, Damage, and Charges of keeping them, to expose & openly to sell such Goose or Geece at an out cry: Notice of such sale having been posted up 24 hours before hand in some publick place within said Town, and the over pluss (if any be), besides paying s^d^ fine, Damage, and Charge of keeping, to be Immediately Returned to y^e^ owner, provided, hereafter geece may go upon y^e^ common unyoaked, from y^e^ Last of October, to y^e^ Last of March and that y^e^ Select men do present this vote to y^e^ Hon^ble^ Justices of y^e^ General Sessions of y^e^ peace, at y^e^ next session for their approbation.

Att a meeting of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield. August y^e^ 25^th^, 1726. for the choice of Jurymen. Petty Jurymen for y^e^ Inferiour Court—Samuel Kent y^e^ 3^rd^, and Jacob Hathaway. Grand jurymen for s^d^ Court—Ichabod Smith, and John Marshal. Grandjury—Ebenezer Smith Sen^r^, Ensign Anthony Austin, and Benony Banes. For y^e^ Jury of Tryals in y^e^ Superiour Court, John Kent, John Pengilly, and Ensign Samuel Dwight.—John Austin being chosen Moderatour for s^d^ meeting the following votes were passed.

1^st^, Voted that the Committee for Repairing y^e^ meeting House, Do as speedily as may be, provide where withal, and Repair y^e^ seats, both in y^e^ Body, and Galleries of y^e^ meeting House, in the form they now are.

2^d^, Voted not to New Shingle y^e^ meeting House before Winter—but only to mend.

3^d^, Voted two men be appointed to sit in the Two pews in the front Galleries to inspect y^e^ children and youth in y^e^ Galleries, to prevent y^e^ profanation of y^e^ Lord Day: & to Leave it with y^e^ Select men from time to time to procure men, till y^e^ Town se cause otherwise to order.

Att a meeting of y^e^ freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield December y^e^ 2^nd^, 1726. Serj Joseph King being chosen Moderatour for to order s^d^ meeting, the following votes were passed. Viz.

1^st^, Voted to raise fifteen pound in Town pay to be paid into the Town Treasury, for the support of the poor, and for payment of other Town Charges that may arise.

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* Domestic geese, then rare in New England, were raised here in great numbers in the last century, as a source of profit from the feathers, which were peddled extensively. No daughter's marriage outfit was complete without at least one "live feather bed."

2d. Voted to allow the Reverend Ebenezer Devotion Twenty Pounds in Town pay, Towards y^e^ purchase of his Negroes.

3d, Voted to Leave it with the Select men to allow as they shall Judge Reasonable (for such Bills as shall be brought in to them) for what they have Don for the Town.

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield on Thursday y^e^ 16th Day of february 172¾: John Austin was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

1st, The Question being put to y^e^ Town whether they would accept of the Grant of y^e^ proprietors of a part of y^e^ Equivolent to be granted and to Raise money to Defray y^e^ charge of obtaining s^d^ Equivolent.* It passed in y^e^ negative.

2d, Voted to Allow the Town Treasurer Twenty Shillings for his Sallery for y^e^ year past.

HIGHWAY TO TAINTOR'S HILL.

February the 7th. 172¾. Then we the Subscribers Laid out a private way for the Town of Suffield on the South side of Stoney Brook, the Discription whereof is as followeth: it begins at a Staddle marked on Three Sides which stands in or near the east corner of Matthew Copleys Lot next the old Saw Mill. Taking its bredth from s^d^ Staddle Northward four Rods holding that breadth westwardly as the path now goes untill it comes to the foot of the Hill or Rising ground on the which is the Country Land; at y^e^ foot of which Hill we Laid the s^d^ Way Eight Rods wide: Thence Running Westward Tapering untill it comes to the North Corner of the Countrey Land where s^d^ way is but four Rods wide, Thence Running across the North corner of s^d^ Countrey Land Taking about Three Rods and half of y^e^ breath of the s^d^ way out of the Corner thereof, Thence it bears more Sothwardly Gradually Leaving s^d^ Countrey Land so as to leave it about Two Rods in the Space of Thirty Rod, Thence it turns baring toward s^d^ Country Land so that Running about forty Rod it Joyns to it; Thence Running by s^d^ Countrey Land untill it comes to a swamp that is by the East corner of Thomas Spensers House, thence it Runs Westward by where the path now goes untill it comes to the North corner of Sam^ll^ Spensers five acres of Land that lies on a little Rivolet on the East Side of y^e^ Hill called Tainters, s^d^ way being but four Rods in breadth Excepting only as afore Exprest. there are several Trees and Stumps and Stadles mark'd all standing on the Southermost side of said way.

Entred March 18th. 172¾.

SAMUEL KENT,
JOS: REMMINGTON,
JOS: WINCHELL,
} Select Men of Suffield.

HIGHWAY FROM KENTS HILL TO Y^E^ FALLS OF MUDDY BROOK, THENCE WEST.

February the 27th. 172¾. Then we the Subscribers Laid out several private ways which we thought fitt and Necessary for the Town of Suffield viz, the

* This equivalent was a grant of six miles square, now Blandford, Mass. It proved of but little value to the Suffield Proprietors. See page 151. Also Proprietors Book, Vol. 1, pp. 19–31.

Inhabitants thereof, a Discription of which wales are as followeth: We began one way at y^e^ foot of y^e^ Hill called Kents Hill and at the West Corner of Land Laid out to Joseph Segars in Lieu of Meadow, Thence Running Northwardly up said Hill four Rods wide, so Running on y^e^ top of s^d^ Hill, untill it come to Land that was Mr. Ebenezer Devotions, now in possession of James Barlow, thence Running on the East side of y^e^ s^d^ land untill it come to the North East Corner thereof, and so on the same Course about Thirty Six perch. Thence it turns more westwardly Running Down y^e^ Hill; when Down y^e^ Hill it turns more west, so Running to y^e^ Falls of Muddy Brook; when over s^d^ Brook it turns more North untill it comes near a Deep Valley where it turns Running west on the South side of y^e^ Valley between the Two acres and the Eighteen acres there Laid out to Joseph Segars, and so on westward between Two parcels of Land Laid out to James Lawton untill it come to the Highway that Leads Northward to Burlesons Brook; Thence Running across s^d^ Highway Westward about Twelve Rod then turning more Norwest Running to a narrow miry place near y^e^ West End of a little piece of Bog meadow where is a chestnut Tree marked standing on y^e^ East Side of y^e^ s^d^ way.—thence Running across s^d^ mire so as to gain the firm Land and then Running Norwest to y^e^ North branch of Rattle Snake Swamp and so on across s^d^ Swamp to y^e^ North end of a great Ridge or Hill of Rocks where there are Trees mark'd on each side of s^d^ way. The s^d^ way we Laid four Rod in bredth, Excepting on the West side of y^e^ Highway that leads to Burlesons Brook, west of that we Laid it but Three Rods wide. There are many Trees mark'd mostly Standing on the Right hand of y^e^ way as we went out. We also Laid out a way for y^e^ benefit of the Town on the West side of Filers Brook begining at or near y^e^ field called Grangers: Thence Running Northerly until pas't Samuel Lanes House: Then Turning Gradually baring toward y^e^ west in or near where the path now goes for y^e^ most part and so along y^e^ best Land for a Highway untill it came over a wett, low place that leads into John Stockwells Land or swamp, on the West side of which gutter or wett place we mark'd Two Trees, on each side of s^d^ way one; Thence up the Hill toward James Barlows Land until y^e^ s^d^ way was Eight Rods wide, at which place Trees are mark'd on both sides of s^d^ way, at which s^d^ way parts. One part thereof viz: four Rods of y^e^ breadth bares South West untill it comes to the way first above mentioned and Discribed: The other part or branch of s^d^ way bares more Northerly untill it come to y^e^ same way that y^e^ other part or Branch extended to. The Trees mark'd for y^e^ Bounds of s^d^ way are mostly standing on the Southerly side of s^d^ way.

Entred March y^e^ 18^th^ 172$.

SAMUEL KENT,
JOHN HANCHET, } Select men.
JOS: WINCHEL,

March the 18^th^, 172$.

Att a meeting of the frecholder & other Inhabitant of y^e^ Town of Suffield, Qualified for voting in Town affairs for y^e^ choice of Necessary Town officers for y^e^ year Insuing, y^e^ following Choice was made. . . . . .

Chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

Select men—Joseph Winchel, Peter Roe, Joseph Remington, John Kent, John Austin.

Assessor—Jos: Winchel, John Kent, & John Austin.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constables—Will[m] King, & Sam[ll] Remington.

Surveyors of Highwais—Sam[ll] Kent y[e] 3[d], *Thomas Sheldon, Victory Sikes, Benjamin Remington, Jacob Adams, and Sam[ll] Granger y[e] 2[d].

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Land Measurer—Jos: Winchel.

Sealer of Leather—Sam[ll] Sikes.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights and Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Tithing men—Mr John Devotion sen[r], George Norton sen[r]. & Josiah Hale.

Fence Viewers—Jonathan Remington (not sworn) & James King sen[r].

Hog Reeve—Timothy Hale and Nathaniel Warner.

At the above s[d] General Town meeting March y[e] 18[th] 172¾—Voted to Leave it with the Select men to manage the affair with Westfield Respecting the Line between the Towns, Either in the Law or Arbitration as they shall think best for the Town.

Att a meeting of y[e] freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, on Munday the 27[th] Day of March 1727:—John Kent being chosen Moderatour,—the following votes were passed

1[st], Voted, to Referring the acting about Repairing y[e] meeting House unto y[e] meeting for y[e] Choice of a Representative, and that Capt Austin, & Asaph Leavitt as workmen, and Deacon John Hanchet, Sam[ll] Kent sen[r], and William King, with them, to take a view of y[e] Meeting House to se what may be Necessary to be Don about the Repairing thereof, and to make Return thereof at s[d] meeting.

2[d], Voted, that Swine may go at Large the year Insuing, being Regulated according to Law.

3[rd], Voted, to Leave it with y[e] Selectmen to procure a Grammer Schooll Master for y[e] year Insuing, that may be approved of as the Law Directs.

4[th], Voted, that when a Town meeting is warned, Fifteen men that are voters Including y[e] Selectmen (that may be then present) may begin and proceed to vote in y[e] concerns of s[d] meeting at y[e] Time prefixed in y[e] warrant for s[d] meeting, and in case there appear but Ten men untill one Hour after the time for y[e] s[d] meeting be expired, then s[d] Ten men having the warrant for s[d] meeting shall go on to vote as afores[d].

Att a meeting of y[e] freeholder and other Inhabitants of Suffield Qualified for voters on Fryday y[e] 12[th] of May 1727:, Mr John Kent was chosen to Represent s[d] Town at y[e] Great and General Court y[e] year Insuing. On the afores[d] 12[th] Day of May being a Town meeting for Town affairs, Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to order said meeting. It having been found by Experience that coming in the winter Season is very prejudiciall to y[e] Increase of Sheep, for y[e] Remedy whereof—

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*Thomas Sheldon, son of Thomas, and grandson of Isaac, all of Northampton, was born in 1688, was a nephew of "Capt. Jonathan," of Sheldon St., settled here in 1725, and d. 1770. His descendants have been widely scattered—some eminent. His only lineal descendant here, bearing the surname, is Lewis C. Sheldon.

Voted, that no Ram be suffered to go at large from the fifteenth Day of August to y^e^ fifteenth Day of November following and so yearly untill y^e^ Town se cause otherwise to vote, and that any person or persons that shall presume to let any Ram or Rams to go at Large Contrary to this Vote, shall forfeit and pay y^e^ sum of fifteen Shillings for each Defect to be disposed of as y^e^ Law Directs; and that this Vote be presented to y^e^ Honourable Justices of the General Sessions of y^e^ peace at their next Session for their approbation.

Att a Meeting of y^e^ Freeholder and of Suffield November the 14^th^ 1727 Mr. John Kent was chosen Representative to serve in the Great and General Court at Boston the 22^d^ Day of November Currant, and the Remaining Sessions of this year.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield November the 22^d^, 1727. Capt. Joseph Winchel being chosen Moderatour to order y^e^ s^d^ Meeting, y^e^ following votes were passed:

1^st^. Respecting the prizes of Specia for payment of y^e^ Contrey Rate.*

Voted, that all sorts of Grain, Oats only Excepted, be paid in unto, & Received by the Constable at sixteen pence per Bushell under y^e^ price set by y^e^ Law for y^e^ Treasurer or Receiver General is to Receive s^d^ specias of y^e^ Constable, and that Oats shall be paid in, Twelve pence under y^e^ price set in y^e^ Law: and in Case the s^d^ abatement on y^e^ price of Grain as afores^d^ be not Sufficient to Defray y^e^ Cost and Trouble in Transportation and other unforseen Losses that may arise; the Town to make good such Deficiency; and in case it be more than Sufficient then said Constable to Refund or pay back to y^e^ Town such overpluss.

2^d^. Voted, that whatever s^d^ Constables shall Receive toward said Rate by y^e^ Barrel to be Reconed eight shillings p^r^ barrel under y^e^ price Set in the Law.

3^d^. Voted, that those Specias which y^e^ Law Innumerates to be Received by y^e^ pound, shall be received by y^e^ Constable at one penney by y^d^ pound under y^e^ price set in y^e^ s^d^ Law.

4^th^. Voted, that Turpentine and Iron be paid in to the Constable at Two Shillings & Six pence in the Hundred, under the price set in y^e^ Law afors^d^.

2^d^. Voted, to Leave it with the Select Men to appoint or agree with what person they Judge sutable to keep school, and to Ingage any, specia money only excepted.

3^d^. Voted, pay what Demands any person or persons hath to make upon the Town that the Select men Shall Judge Just and Reasonable.

4^th^. Voted, to be at y^e^ charge of Repairing the † Bridge over Stoney Brook

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*The country, or colony rates were paid in all "species" of commoditics the product of land or sea, to be delivered by the towns, to the province treasurer at Boston, at prices established in the province law. The farm products included grain of all kinds, flax, hemp, peas, beeswax, butter, beef, pork, hides, tallow. The sea contributed codfish, mackerel, whalebone, and oil. Bar-iron, and cast-iron pots, and kettles were received at 40 shilling per cwt., and well cured tobacco, four pence per pound. Suffield's country tax was £61, 10s, 6d, in 1727.

† See foot note, p. 159.

in the Road to Windsor; and Also that Ensign Anthony Austin, and Matthew Copley, be a Committee to manage s^{d} affair.

Joseph Winchel Modderatour.

Att a Legal Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, March y^{e} 11th, 172$\frac{4}{5}$, being an Anniversary Meeting, for the choice of Town officers for y^{e} year Insuing, John Kent being chosen Moderatour to order said Meeting, the following choice was made—

Select Men—Capt. Joseph Winchel, Serj Joseph Remington, Serj Timothy Palmer, John Pengilly & Serj Joseph King.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constables—By a majority of votes, Joseph Fuller was chosen constable and excepted.

By a Majority of votes, Sam^{ll} Kent y^{e} 3^{d} was Chosen Constable & Refused to serve.

By a Majority of votes, Sam^{ll} Hathaway was chosen constable & Refused to serve.

By a Majority of votes Edward Foster was chosen Constable & excepted.

Surveyors of High Ways—Thomas Sheldon, Daniel Adams, Nathaniel Austin Sen^{r}, Sam^{ll} Roe, and Samuel Copley.

Fence Viewers—Joseph Harmon, John Old, Jacob Adams, Nathan^{ll} Warner.

Tything Men—George Norton Sen^{r}, & Thomas Copley.

Town Treasurer—John Burbank.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Sealer of Leather—Samuel Sikes.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Hogg Reeves—Jonathan Rising, and Samuel Granger y^{e} first.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield March the 11th, 172$\frac{4}{5}$, being a meeting warned to pass Town Debts, and to pass some acts Relating to y^{e} s^{d} Towns proportion of the 60,000£ Loan Joseph King was Chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} Meeting. first, Relating to y^{e} Towns Debts voted,

1st. Voted, that Cap^{t} Joseph Winchell, Serj Joseph Remington, and Peter Roe, be a Committee to view the new * Bridge over Stoney Brook at y^{e} North end of Tainters Hill, Built by sundry persons at their own Charge, and make Report to y^{e} Town what benefit it is or may be to y^{e} s^{d} Town, and what they shall judge proper for the Town to Do Respecting the same.

2^{d}. Voted, to Allow Timothy Phelps 24^{s} & 6^{d} for Repairing y^{e} Glass & Window frames of y^{e} School House.

Secondly. Respecting the Towns 60,000£.

Voted, for Direction of the Trustees that may be Chosen for Receiving and Letting out the said Loan as followeth. That they Let out to no person Less than five pounds, nor Exceeding. That none be Let out to persons but upon

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* The first bridge at this place.

good bond security, and with good surety, and that all bonds that may Relate to said money, become payable within y^e^ space of a year from y^e^ Date they bear.

2^d^. Voted, that the said Trustees Do pay y^e^ yearly Interest as y^e^ Law directs.

3^d^. Voted, that Cap^t^ Joseph Winchel, Joseph Remington, and Joseph King, be a committee of Trustees to Receive the said Towns proportion of y^e^ s^d^ Sixty Thousand pounds Loan, and to Let it out according to the Direction of y^e^ s^d^ Town.

4^th^. Voted, that y^e^ s^d^ Committee Do from Time to Time put in suit all the Bonds of those who neglect to pay their Interest as soon as it becomes Due: And all Bonds of those that shall neglect to pay the Principal in Convenient Time to pay in to y^e^ Province Treasury.

Joseph King, Moderator.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield on the eighth Day of April, 1728:

1^st^. John Burbank was chosen Moderator to order said meeting.

2^adly^. Voted, to Leave it with the present Select men to order the moddelling of Pews on the Beams of the Meeting House for such young men as may appear to build there, and order y^e^ sitting of such young men: and all at the charg of such as shall appear as afores^d^ to Build there.

3^d^. Voted, to Defray the charge of mending High wales this year by way of Rate:

4^th^. Voted, upon what was offered by Sam^ll^ Hathaway and Samuel Kent to forbear to prosecute them for neglect or Refusal to take oath to y^e^ office of Constables, to which they were chosen Respectively on our Anniversary Meeting Day Last.

5^th^. Voted, to prosecute all other Town officers chosen on this Anniversary Meeting Day in March Last, who have not made oath to their Respective offices then chosen to, & Do still now Refuse to make oath thereunto by y^e^ space of fourteen Daies from this Day.

6^th^. *Voted*, that when it happens that no Select man is chosen in High Street where the Towns principle Law Book ought to be, that then it shall be put into Deacon Hanchets Hands to keep for y^e^ use of y^e^ Town.

7^th^. Voted, that y^e^ Next Newest Law Book shall be kept by y^e^ Town Clerk Annually. Entred by order of

John Burbank Moderator.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders of the Town of Suffield, May y^e^ 6^th^, 1728.

1^st^. Joseph King was made choice of for a Moderatour to manage s^d^ meeting.

2d. *Voted*, to Receive y^e^ s^d^ Towns proportion of the Sixty Thousand pounds Loan Granted by the Gen^ll^ Assembly in their Late Sessions.*

3d. Voted, that Mr. John Burbank, Mr. John Pengilley sen^r^, & Mr. Jonathan Sheldon, Be Trustees to Receive of the Province Treasurer, the Town of Suffields proportion of the s^d^ Sixty Thousand Pounds Loan, and to Let it out upon Intrest according to the Towns Directions.

4th. Voted, that the Trustees be hereby Directed to Lett out y^e^ Towns Proportion of the Sixty Thousand pounds Loan Lately Granted, in manner as followeth, viz.: upon Bond Security with good surety and in sums not exceeding Thirty pounds, and not Less than five pounds: and all Bonds to become payable by y^e^ first of May next. And s^d^ Trustees are further Directed to put in suit all y^e^ Bonds of such persons that neglect to pay the Intrest and principle seasonably to make payment into y^e^ Treasury.

5th. *Voted*, to give y^e^ Trustees Ten Shillings p^r^ year for their service in Receiving and Letting out y^e^ money above said, besides y^e^ Charge of sending to Boston for y^e^ money. Joseph King—Moderatour.

Att a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield, Quallified as the Law Directs to vote in Town Meeting, May y^e^ 6th, 1728.

1st. Joseph King was Chosen Moderatour to manage s^d^ meeting.

2d. Abraham Granger, Abraham Burbank, and Samuel Hathaway, were chosen surveyors of High ways.

3d. *Voted*, to Allow to John Trumble Late Constable, out of the Treasury the Rates of Daniel Warner Deceased that were not paid, and John Bartlet sen^r^, his Rates, s^d^ Trumble giving security to y^e^ Select men to collect the same if he have an opportunity, and pay them in to the Town Treasury.

4th. Voted, to exchange the High way leading to the Ferry from Deacon Mixers old House, and to Run y^e^ way through the Lot of s^d^ Mixer, and John Trumbles Lot, and they to have y^e^ old Highway for a Recompence, provided, s^d^ Trumble & his Heirs or Assigns, make and maintain forever a good feasable way over a Valley in Deacon Mixers Lot, and the s^d^ way to be four Rods wide; and s^d^ Exchange to be Regulated by Clerk John Burbank, and John Pengilley.

5th. Voted, that John Burbank, John Pengilly Jun^r^, and Ensign Samuel Dwight, ... and others to view and consider.

6th. *Voted*, That upon Condition that Clerk John Burbank Do forthwith

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*Suffield's share was £405. The bills were of various denominations from 2s to £5. Four per cent. of the interest money went to the Province treasury, and two per cent. to the town. A fund for the redemption of the loan within ten years, was created by taxing the towns. By too great emissions of this paper currency, from 1690 to 1737, it lost its credit and became so much depreciated that 45 shillings of it (instead of six) were required to make a dollar. This was "old tenor" currency. Issues of paper money from 1737 to 1749, were better secured, and 11s. 3d of it were reckoned a dollar, a shrinkage of only about one half. This was styled "new tenor" currency. These values were fixed by the Massachusetts General Court in 1749. The terms "old" and "new tenor" often appear in our records.

errect a good cart Bridge over his mill pond at Rawlins Brook, Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel, Leiut John Austin, & William King, be a Committee upon s^{d} Burbanks cost, to view the s^{d} Bridge when Buil'd and make Report to the Town what they shall Judge the Bridge is Better for y^{e} Town than the Highway would be if not ponded.

7th. Voted, that Clerk John Burbank, Leiut Joshua Leavitt, & M^{r} Jonathan Sheldon, be a Committee (at y^{e} cost and charge of such as shall Request the same) To view the Highway from Thomas Sheldons corner to John Harmons, and to view Samuel Harmons Lot to find a convenient place for, and to se upon what terms, the Town may have a Highway through s^{d} Lott, and s^{d} Committee to make their Report to the Town what they shall then propose for y^{e} Town to Do in that afair. Joseph King, Moderatour.

Att a Legal Meeting of y^{e} Town of Suffield May the 27th, 1728.

1st, Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} meeting.

2^{d}. Voted, that swine may go upon the Commons to y^{e} end of this present year, Regulated as the Law Directs; and also from time to time During the Present Law Respecting the Regulating Swine, except y^{e} Town se cause to alter it.

Entred by order: Joseph Remington Moderator.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, November y^{e} 29th, 1728. Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel being chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} meeting, the following votes were passed.

1st. Voted, to allow the Assessors the Three pounds six shillings which they paid the High Sheriff for his coming with a warrant of Distress from the Province Treasurer for the Third fifth of y^{e} fifty Thousand pound Loan.

2^{d}. *Voted*, to allow John Warner after y^{e} Rate Three Shillings and six pence pr Rod for fence set in y^{e} Inside of y^{e} pound, and five shillings for other Repairs of s^{d} Pound.

3^{d}. Voted, to Raise fifteen pounds in Town pay for support of the poor, and other charges that may arise the year Insuing beside what y^{e} Town is already Indebted.

4th. *Voted*, to Leave it with the Select men to allow what they shall Judge Reasonable for what men bring in that they have Don for the Town the year past.

5th. Voted, that Cap^{t} Joseph Winchell, Cler^{k} John Burbank, and Serj Joseph King, be a Committee to examine the Surveyors of High Ways, to what work hath been Don about Highwaies the year past, and how it hath been Don, and to make Report to y^{e} Town at this meeting what is propor for y^{e} Town to do in that affair.

6th. Voted, at y^{e} Request of Christopher Jacob Lawton, and Joseph Pumry for alteration of y^{e} Highway that goes out by * Muddy Brook falls; That Cap^{t}

* These falls are at the bridge west of Hasting's Hill, then called Kents Hill. See p. 229. A dam and a saw mill were there.

Joseph Winchel, Clerk John Burbank, & Leiut Joshua Leavitt, be a Committee at the charge of y^e^ petitioners to view s^d^ Highway, and make Report to y^e^ Town at this Meeting what they shall Judge Reasonable for y^e^ Town to Do Relating to that affair. Then the meeting was adjourned to y^e^ the first Munday of January next at twelve of y^e^ clock.

January 6^th^, 172$\frac{8}{9}$. At a meeting of the frecholders and other Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield, being a meeting by Adjournment from November 29^th^. 1728.

1^st^. *Voted*, to allow such person or persons as have allowed the *Widow Mary Winchel House Room from the nineteenth of March Last untill this 6^th^, Day of January 172$\frac{8}{9}$. after y^e^ Rate ef eighteen pence p^r^ week.

2^d^. *Voted*, to allow Samuel Smith y^e^ 2^d^, Ten shillings for his wives Tending the Widow Mary Winchel in her sickness.

3^d^ *Voted*, that the Report of the Committee appointed November y^e^ 29^th^. 1728, To examine the Surveyors of Highwaies, Relating to work Don about the Highwaies the year past, be excepted and in every part allowed according to the True Intent and meaning thereof which Report is as followeth: viz:— That there be an Assessment Speedily made by the Assessors on poles and Estates according to the Direction of Law to y^e^ contain or sum of Two Hundred pounds and to be paid in work at Highwaies at the price hereafter mentioned—that is to say, from the middle of February to the Last of March at 2^s^ & 3^d^ p^r^ Day, from the Last of March to the Last of June 2^s^ & 9^d^ p^r^ Day, from the first of July to y^e^ Last of August Three shillings p^r^ Day, from y^e^ first of September to y^e^ Last, 3^s^ & 9^d^ p^r^ Day—from the first of October & November to the middle of February 2^s^ p^r^ Day; and that the wages of a Team Do Corrispond with the wages of a single hand. And that y^e^ s^d^ Assessment together with a Warrant for collecting the same be committed to such person or persons as may be chosen either in whole or in part, to collect y^e^ same, and that such Collector or Collectors be chosen Surveyors for y^e^ year Insuing.— And that so far as any person hath faithfully work'd at Highwaies in the year 1728, Either with hand or Team by the Direction of a Surveyor, shall according to the above mentioned prises have credit on his Rate, and that what any have Don either in Work or other waies surmounting their Rate to have their surplusage out of y^e^ Town Treasury in Town pay unless they se cause to pleasur their Neighbor with it:

And further, that some meet persons be appointed to Adjust the accounts of y^e^ present Surveyors, and others their Deputies, in order to find out in particular according to the prises above s^d^ what every man has Don, & that a Certificate to the collector that may be chosen as above s^d^ of what they find in favour of any person be Improved towards Discharging his Rate. So far as it will amount, and that what any person shall be found to fall short of having paid his Rate according to the Rule above s^d^, the Collectors or Surveyors that may be chosen Do Indeavour as there may be ocation to collect the same in worke at Highwaies according to the prises above s^d^. And if any person being behindhand in his Rate, having been Timely Notified to work by said Collectors or Surveyors, Do neglect the same either by himself or other meet person in his Room to the acceptance of the surveyor in every such case the

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*Widow of Jon^a^ Winchell, a pioneer settler. She died Feb. 10th, 1729.

Collector to make speedy Distress of such person or persons goods or chattels, to y^e^ full vallue of what may Remain of his Rate unpaid, unless such person or persons Do bring a Certificut under the Town Treasurers hand that he has paid the whole of what was behind in his rate to the s^d^ Treasurer, either in money or Town pay to the s^d^ Treasurers acceptance, which Certificate shall be Sufficiant to Discharge such person or persons as to what may be behind in said Rate. And that the Town Treasurer for the time being be directed hereby to keep a full and particular account of all money that he may thus Receive by him in order to Adjust y^e^ same with the Town or Select men in their behalf when opportunity shall serve, and that the whole of said Assessment be collected before the expiration of y^e^ year 1729, unless the Town in a Town meeting se cause to Lengthen it further. Furthermore, that the Surveyors that may be chosen for y^e^ year 1729, Do not proceed to Repair, mend, or clear in any part of any Highway without the concurrence of such person or persons as may be appointed to oversee that matter, and Determine the same: and that such person or persons as may be chosen to collect s^d^ Rate, either in whole or in part be allowed a compensation for their service therein, as y^e^ Town in their Wisdom may Judge meet, and the Bill of Charge Respecting Highwaies be exhibited to y^e^ Town Treasurer for his Direction therein. The within or foregoing Report we sign to as ours:

JOSEPH WINCHEL,
JNO. BURBANK,
JOSEPH KING,
} *Committee.*

4^th^. By a clear vote Cap^t^ Joseph Winchel, and Serj Joseph King were chosen a Committee to Adjust the accounts of the Surveyors of Highwaies the year past, and make a List what each mans account is for his work at Highwaies according to the several prizes in y^e^ afore s^d^ Committies Report, and s^d^ List to be Transmitted to the Town Treasurer.

5^thly^. Voted, that the present Assessor Do forthwith make an Assessment according to the afores^d^ Report of y^e^ Committee, with a warrant to Abraham Burbank & Abraham Granger, Two of y^e^ present Surveyors of Highwaies to Collect ye same or part thereof according to the Direction of y^e^ Committee that shall be appointed for that purpose, and said warrants to such Surveyors or Collectors as shall be chosen or by ye Town appointed to that service the year Insuing or longer, untill y^e^ s^d^ Rate shall be wholey collected according to s^d^ Report.

6^thly^. Voted, that Cap^t^ Winchel & Joseph King be a committee to direct y^e^ Surveyors in their mending Highwaies, untill our Anniversary Town meeting in March next.

7^thly^. Voted, that the Receiving the Reports of Severall Committees that are not yet Brought in be Refered to next March meeting.

The alteration of y^e^ Highway through Deacon Mixers and John Trumbles Lots, by y^e^ Great River above Feather Street.

Pursuant to the Trust, and at the Request of Deacon John Mixer and John Trumble* y^e^ first, we Did set out the Range of y^e^ Highway through y^e^ Lands

* John Trumbull, 1st, was a son of Joseph the proprietor. He was born at Rowley, Mass., before his father came to Suffield. He bought a portion of the Allyn lands at the Ferry, and his son Joseph was a proprietor of the Ferry in 1754 after the death of his father (John 1st). See pp. 42–3. Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. x, pp. 268, 524.

of s^{d} Mixer and Trumble in such manner as we Did Judge most accommodating to Travelling, and having Sum Respect to the priviledge of y^{e} persons Requesting of it. We began first, at the Southerly end of said way, and first fixed a stake and stone on y^{e} East side by Deacon Mixers fence, about Two Rods North of y^{e} Ditch formerly made between Eastmans and Cakebreads Lots, so fixing y^{e} Bounds of s^{d} way only on the East side, we set stakes and stones by Three several Apple Trees of Deacon Mixers winding or turning Eastwardly towards the Great River, and from the Third Apple Tree we Turned our course more Northeasterly Runing about four foot off from s^{d} Mixers new Dwelling House, Leaving it east of s^{d} course: So a straight course five Rods from y^{e} North, or Norwest course of s^{d} House, we fixed a stake and stone, so we keept a straight course to the Dividing fence betwixt s^{d} Mixer and Trumble, on the Brow of y Hill where we fixt a stake & stone; from thence we kept a straight course on or near the Brow of y^{e} Hill through y^{e} s^{d} Trumbles Land (Still Leaving the Highway on the west side) till we come to his new House where we fix'd a Stake & Stone four Rods Eastward of s^{d} fence or House partly Down y^{e} Hill. Then extending Northwardly to a course or Row of Apple Trees in s^{d} Trumbles Orchard, We Determined s^{d} Row of Apple Trees to be the East Bound of s^{d} way till we came to, or near the North side of his s^{d} Trumbles Orchard where we fix'd a stake and stone a little west of an apple Tree. All y^{e} Bounds above s^{d} Setting out y^{e} east side of s^{d} way, and the width of the way to Extend four Rods from the s^{d} Bounds.

Entred Jan y^{e} 8th 1728.-9.

John Burbank, John Pengilley Jun^{r}, Committee.

Att an Anniversary Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^{e} Town of Suffield on Munday the Tenth day of March 1728-9, to make choice of Necessary Town officers for the year Insuing; and other Concerns of a Publick nature; Capt Joseph Winchel was chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} meeting.

Select Men, Peter Roe, Joseph Winchel, John Austin, Joseph King, and Joseph Remington.

Town Clerk, John Austin.

Assessors, Joseph Winchel, John Austin, & Joseph King.

Constables, Edward Foster, and Samuel Hathaway.

Tything-Men, Ensign Anthony Austin, Ichabod Smith, Joseph Harmon Jun^{r}, and Samuel Sikes.

Samuel Kent y^{e} 3^{d}, and John Pengilley, were Chosen Collectors to collect y^{e} Rate for Repairing Highwaies and Bridges; (& Sworn.)

Town Treasurer, John Burbank.

Joshua Leavitt, *Sizer and Sealer of Weights & Measures.*

Joseph Winchel, *Land Measurer.*

Sam^{ll}. Sikes, *Sealer of Leather.*

Fence Viewers, Daniel Adams, Samuel Granger y^{e} 1st, Samuel Kent y^{e} 2^{d}, Benjamin Gillet, John Warner sen^{r}, Serj James King.

Hogreeves, Ebenezer Nash, and Samuel Hale.

By a clear vote, Edward Foster was accepted off to serve as Constable in the Room of Samuel Hathaway. Joseph Fuller chosen constable by his own consent & sworn.

Sworn March 10th, Daniel Adams—fence viewer, Samuel Sikes—Sealer of Leather, Anthony Austin—Tything man. Ebenezer Nash—Hogreeve.

March y^e^ 17th sworn, Joseph Winchel, John Austin, Joseph King, Assessors.

John Austin, Town Clerk.

John Burbank, Town Treasurer.

Joshua Leavitt, Sealer of weights and measures.

John Warner, Fence veiwer.

Ichabod Smith, & Samuel Sikes, Tything men.

Att a Legal and Anniversary Town meeting in Suffield, March y^e^ 10th, 172$\frac{9}{}$. Capt Joseph Winchel Moderator.

1st, Voted, that y^e^ Collectors of the Highway Rate Giving Notice to any person to work at Highwaies, Either with his hand or Team; or do Leave word at y^e^ House or place of abode of such person Three Daies before hand, shall be accounted seasonable warning.

2d. Capt Joseph Winchel, and Joseph King were chosen a Committee to Direct y^e^ Collector of y^e^ Rate for Repairing Highwaies, where to work from time to time till y^e^ s^d^ Rate be wholy collected.

3d. Voted, that all the Land lying East of y^e^ Highway, (from the water fence of John Trumble y^e^ first, Northward, untill it comes Twenty Rods Northward of the North East corner of John Pengilleys Home lot,) be laid to y^e^ Highway.

4th. Voted, that Peter Roe, and John Burbank be a Committee at the charge of the petitioners, to view the Land Requested to be taken of from y^e^ Highway that goes to Springfield by Crooked Lane; for conveniency of Building, and to make report to y^e^ Town the next meeting.

5thly. Voted, or granted to Richard Woolworth, peaceable Injoyment of his well he hath Dug in the Highway by his House, he allwaise keeping a curb round it, y^e^ s^d^ well; and if he sees cause, a Liberty to turn out his fence (Two Lengths of it) to y^e^ side of y^e^ curb next to his House, being about eight foot.*

Att a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield on the Sixteenth Day of April 1729, Joseph King was chosen Moderator to order s^d^ meeting.

1st, Voted, to Allow any person or persons a Liberty to Build a House, or Houses, for the Reception of Horses in bad weather, near the Meeting House, and joining to the sides of the Highwaies, not coming nearer than Two Rods to y^e^ Meeting House.

2dly, By a clear vote, Joseph King was chosen †Town Treasurer for the Remaining part of y^e^ year.

3dly. Voted, that the Select men Do Indeavour to hire Mr. William Allen to Teach School.

4thly. Voted, to Refer the Receiving the Reports of y^e^ Committees Respecting Highwaies and Bridges, to the meeting for y^e^ choice of a Representative in May next. Joseph King, Moderatour.

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*This well is still in use, and is in the highway north from Wood's station.

†John Burbank, Town Treasurer, had deceased Mch. 25th, 1729.

April y^e^ 16^th^, 1729. At a meeting of y^e^ Freeholders of y^e^ Town of Suffield, for the choice of a Trustee for y^e^ 60,000£: Loan, Joseph King was chosen Moderatour.

By a clear vote, Mr. Samuel Kent the Third, was chosen Trustee for s^d^ Loan, there being a vacancy by the Death of one of y^e^ Trustees first chosen.

Joseph King, Moderatour.

Att a meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, on May the Eighth, 1729, Joseph Remington being chosen Moderatour to order, and Regulate s^d^ meeting.

1^st^. Voted, that the Interests of both y^e^ Town *Banks be brought into y^e^ Town Treasury, or some other meet person that the Town shall make choice of to be let out for y^e^ Town.

2^dly^. Voted, that s^d^ Interest be brought into y^e^ Town Treasury to be let out upon Interest by y^e^ Town Treasurer for the Town's use at £6. p^r^ cent. for one year next Insuing.

3^dly^. Voted, to Improve, and Impower Cap^t^. Joseph Winchel, to treat with such as may be appointed by y^e^ Town of Simsbury for that Relating to Exchange of Land for y^e^ conveniency of the Highway, by y^e^ Round Hill, by Stony Brook Falls, the Land most convenien for s^d^ Highway, Northward of s^d^ Brook being in Simsbury Bounds, and on y^e^ South side in Suffield Bounds, s^d^ way being for y^e^ conveniency of both Towns.†

4^thly^. Voted, to chouse a committee to make an end of y^e^ Difference between Suffield and Westfield, Relating to y^e^ Bounds between s^d^ Towns, to settle and fix a Sufficient Number of Bounds, both on the Mountain, and between s^d^ Towns from the Mountain Westward, to ye Nor West corner.

Joseph Winchel, John Austin, and Joseph King, were chosen to be a Committee for settling ye^e^ s^d^ Bounds as afore said.

5^thly^. Voted, to give six pence p^r^ head for killing crows from y^e^ first of April, to y^e^ last of September.

6^thly^. Voted, to give one penny p^r^ head for killing black Birds of the Great sort, from the first of April, to y^e^ Middle of June.

7^th^. Voted, that no person shall be Intitled to the premium for Killing crows and black birds, but such as bring the heads of y^e^ crows; and the Bodies of y^e^ Black Birds to y^e^ Select men, or any one of them, to have their Bills crop'd, and to take account of them.

8^thly^. Voted, that ye Town Treasurer Do prosecute in y^e^ Law, such persons that were chosen to office in March Last who have neglected to make oath to y^e^ offices to which they were Respectively chosen, and Do continue so to Do untill y^e^ Twentieth Day of this Instant May.

9^thly^. Voted, that Deacon John Hanchet be one of the Committee (Instead of John Burbank, Deceased) to make Report to the Town what they think proper for y^e^ Town to act Relating to y^e^ Highway by Crooked Lane for accommodating persons for Building.

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*The agencies for loaning the Colony bills, or currency, were termed banks. See foot note, p. 208.

† See Town Acts, 1745, and 1765.

Att a Lawful Town meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield, July y^e^ 2^nd^, 1729.

1^st^. Joseph Winchel was chosen Moderatour for s^d^ meeting.

2^d^. Voted, that in case Mr. William Allen Do not within the space of Six Daies next coming, Comply with the Court's Advice with Respect to his being Examined, and Do not bring a certificate of his being thus Examined to y^e^ Select men by the Expiration of y^e^ s^d^ Six Daies; Then y^e^ Select men to proceed to procure some other person that may be capable to keep a Grammer School according to y^e^ True Intent and meaning of y^e^ Law.

3^dly^. Voted, to Improve Peter Roe, and Joseph Winchel, to search y^e^ Records Relating to y^e^ Breadth of High Street, and also measure y^e^ Breadth of s^d^ Street in Sundry places, as they shall Judge needful and proper, and that they make Report to y^e^ Town how they finds things Relating thereto, in the next Town meeting. (See p. 246.)

4^thly^. Josiah Hale was chosen Hoggreeve for the Remainder of the year.

Given in to be Recorded by Joseph Winchel, Moderatour.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, on fryday the 28^th^ Day of November, 1729.

1^st^. John Kent was made choice of for Moderatour to manage s^d^ meeting.

2^nd^. *Voted*, to chouse Deacon John Hanchet, and Mr. John Devotion, to allow y^e^ Select men and Assessor accounts.

3^d^. *Voted*, to allow the Reverend M^r^. Ebenezer Devotion Twenty pounds this year over and above his stated sallery, for his more comfortable Support in the work of y^e^ ministry.

4^th^. *Voted*, that the Time for y^e^ Collectors for perfecting the Collection of y^e^ Highway Rate be Lengthened out untill y^e^ Last Day of November next.

5^th^. *Voted*, to remitt to Josiah Hale his penalty for not serving as Hoggreeve this present year.

6^th^. *Voted*, that the Several Speacias hereafter mentioned, shall be Received into the Town Treasury to pay the Towns Debts as followeth; (the minister's stated sallery excepted): Iron at 50*s*. p^r^ Hundred, Rie at 6*s*. p^r^ Bushel, Indian Corn at 4*s*. & 6*d*. p^r^ Bushel, Oats at Two *s*. & 6*d*. p^r^ Bushel, Pork at 6*d*. p^r^ pound, Beef at 8*d*.½ p^r^ pound, and other things that shall pass for Town pay to go at the market price. Signed p^r^ John Kent, Moderat^r^.

Att a General Anneversary Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, for y^e^ choice of Town Officers for y^e^ year Insuing, and other matters of Publick concern. John Kent being chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting, the following choice of Town officers was made, viz.:

Select Men—John Austin, John Kent, *Jonathan Sheldon, Dea. John Mixer, and Joseph Remington.

Assessors—John Austin, John Kent, & Joseph King.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

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*Capt. Jonathan Sheldon, the founder of the Sheldon Street branch of the family, was the youngest son of Isaac of Northampton, and a half brother of Capt. Joseph Sheldon. (See pp. 83 and 231). He settled here about the year 1723, and his dwelling-house then built, (now Thomas Austin's,) is still well preserved.

Constables—Medad Pumry, & John Rising.

Town Treasurer—Joseph King.

Tything Men—John Warner, John Hanchet, jun^{r}, Nathan^{ll} Harmon y^{e} 1st, Ebenezer Burbank.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights and Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Land Measurer—Cap^{t}. Joseph Winchel.

Sealer of Leather—Samuel Sikes.

Hogg Reeves—Samuel Spenser, and Jared Huxley.

Fence Viewers—Freegrace Norton, Samuel Roe, George Norton, Ebenezer Nash, & Joshua Kendol, & John Burbank.

March y^{e} 16th, 1720–30. Then all y^{e} officers were sworn but Sam^{ll} Roe, Nathaniel Harmon y^{e} 1st, and Jared Huxley.

1st. At this meeting, Joseph King Town Treasurer was by a clear vote appointed to prosecute such persons as shall Refuse or neglect to take y^{e} oaths by Law appointed, to y^{e} office whereto they are Respectively chosen.

2^{d}. Voted, to Repair y^{e} meeting House* and that Sam^{ll} Kent sen^{r}, Peter Roe, and Jacob Adams sen^{r}, were appointed a Committee to Repair the meeting House, so far as they shall Judge necessary for Repairing, or making New Seats.

Signed pr John Kent Moderat^{r}.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Quallified as y^{e} Law Directs to vote in Town meetings, on Munday the 20th Day of July 1730, Deacon John Mixer was chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} meeting.

1st. Voted, to cover the meeting House wholly New.

2^{d}. Voted, to continue the Committee for Repairing the meeting House according to y^{e} vote passed when s^{d} Committee were chosen.

3^{d}. Voted, to order and Impower Joseph King, y^{e} present Town Treasurer, to Demand and Receive the Interest money due to y^{e} Town in the hands of y^{e} Trustees of y^{e} several Banks.

4th. Voted, that y^{e} Town Treasurer Do pay out of y^{e} Interest money what he shall Receive order for, from y^{e} Select men, to supply y^{e} Committee for Repairing y^{e} meeting House with money to procure what is Necessary for matterials for Repaireing s^{d} House, that can't be procured without money; and to Lett out the Remainder of s^{d} Interest money upon Interest for y^{e} Towns use.

Att a Legal meeting of y^{e} Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^{e} Town of Suffield, November y^{e} 30th, 1730:

Joseph Remington was chosen moderatour to order s^{d} meeting.

1st. Voted, that a Rate of Thirty seven pounds, Ten shillings, money, be made for payment of y^{e} Grammer School-Master for Three quarters of a year.

2^{d}. Voted, that the Committee for Repairing the Meeting House Do Receive out of the Town Treasury of y^{e} Interest money y^{e} sum of four pounds.

3^{d}. *Voted*, to Allow Three Select men for their Expenses Last August while attending at Court to Answer to Enfields Complaint about John Thatcher, five shillings apeice.

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*This was the second meeting house, see p. 80.

4th. *Voted*, to Leave it with y^e^ Select men to Adjust all accounts wherein the town is Indebted to particular persons which Doth not come under y^e^ care of any Committees.

5th. Jacob Adams presenting a platt of a piece of Land In the Highway against his own Land for Conveniency of Building proposed to y^e^ Town to Lay-out Land upon—a good Right upon it, and allow y^e^ Town Twenty Shillings which proposal y^e^ Town accepted, and by a Clear vote Relinquished their Right to s^d^ Land, accordingly, the —— of s^d^ Land is as followeth, viz. Suffield Nov. y^e^ 30th, 1730. We the Subscribers, being appointed by the Town to view a certain place in the Highway at Crooked Lane in order to accomodate Corp^ll^ Jacob Adams with a part thereof for conveniency to Set his House, and having been upon the place, and considered all circumstances Relating thereto, Do advance what followeth as our opinion, *viz:* That saving the Highway Elven Rods in breadth on the West side thereof it is not so Inconveniant and prejudicial to y^e^ Highway, but that we Judge it proper and Reasonable that y^e^ Town in order to gratifie y^e^ s^d^ Adams Do Relinquish their Right in s^d^ Highway to the contain of about Three Quarters of an acre on the East side thereof, and according to the following Description, that is to say, to begin at a Stake and Stone being the Bounds Dividing between Land formerly Laid out to s^d^ Adams and Land he bought of Caleb Allen, thence runing North about fifteen Degrees West about Ten Perch, thence Runing North East according to y^e^ Rang of s^d^ Highway, Six Rods, then to turn more Easterly Runing a straight Course about 18 or 20 Rods to y^e^ North Corner of s^d^ Adams his own Land thence south west by s^d^ Adms his own Land to y^e^ place where it began.

John Hanchet, Peter Roe.

6th. *Voted*, to allow Ten Shillings to manage Edward Baker's business at y^e^ General Court.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield Quallified for voters, November y^e^ 24th, 1730.

Decon John Mixer was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

1st. Voted, to chouse a Committee to take care for Removing Incumbrances of Highwales for one year Next Insuing, and other things Necessary Relating to wales & Bridges.

2d. Voted, Joshua Leavitt, Joseph King, & John Kent, be a Committee, and hereby are fully Impowered to Remove all ordinary Incumbrances that are or may be, y^e^ year Insuing upon any of y^e^ Town wales and where they may find any Incumbrance, where there may arise or be any Dispute Respecting Interests, or any other thing that may be Adjusted by an agreement that s^d^ Committee shall agree with the persons concerned therein as well as may be Respecting both Publick and private Interest therein Concerned, and make Return to y^e^ Town for their Confirmation.

3d. Voted, that the s^d^ Committee Do forthwith se that y^e^ Bridge over Rawlingses Brook be forthwith made good and feazable and that the Town be at y^e^ charge of a causey from y^e^ Hill to y^e^ North End of y^e^ Bridge as it is now built provided; John Burbank Do give to s^d^ Committee a sufficien Bond to make and maintain a good and feazable Bridge over s^d^ Brook where it is now errected. (See pp. 285, 286.)

4th. Voted, to Raise this year y^e^ sum of 130£ in Town pay for y^e^ supply of y^e^ Town Treasury for payment of Town Debt, for Repairing y^e^ meeting House, and other Town Charge that may arise.

5th. Voted that Cap^t^ Winchel, Cap^t^ Kent, & Joseph King, be a Committee to take account of y^e^ several Committees of what y^e^ Town is Indebted.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield on December y^e^ 14th, 1780.

1^st^. Cap^t^ John Kent was chosen Moderatour of s^d^ meeting.

2^dly^. *Voted, that the petitioners y^e^ owners of y^e^ fish Dam have y^e^ priviledge they petition for that is to say the Town are willing for it provided y^e^ s^d^ owners sell sallmon at five pence p^r^ pound, and shad at a penny apiece, and that they will not barrill up any for a market when any of y^e^ Town appear with any vendable pay to take them off for their own use, and that the owners put one Hundred pounds security into the Town Treasurers hands for the Towns security for the fullfillment of the above s^d^, when they s^d^ owners have a grant of the General Court, and y^e^ security to be given to y^e^ Treasurer before nine o'clock to night. Test, JOHN KENT.

Jacob Hathaway, Sam^ll^. Copley, Richard Woolworth, William Halladay, Nathaniel Hall non voter, Samuel Roe, Sam^ll^ Hathaway, Peter Roe, John Roe, Entred their Decents against y^e^ above written Vote. December y^e^ 14th, 1780. Then Received of Eight of y^e^ owners of y^e^ fish Dam a bond of one Hundred pounds according to y^e^ above s^d^ vote.

pr me Joseph King Town Treasurer.

3^d^. *Voted*, that the Bridge over Rawlins Brook be built 12 foot wide, covered with Two Inch plank: and the Bridge Raised Two foot Higher at y^e^ North end, and Rail'd on each side, and to be forthwith finished.

4th. *Voted*, that y^e^ Collectors of y^e^ Highway Rate, Do forthwith collect s^d^ Rate of those that Refuse to Do it in Labour, & Lay out so much thereof as is Necessary for Repairing y^e^ Bridge over Stony Brooke by Samuel Copleys.

January 12th, 17$\frac{8}{9}$. At a legal meeting of y^e^ freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield, Quallified to vote in meetings:

1^st^. Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to manage this meeting.

2^d^. *Voted*, to Allow the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Devotion Thirty pounds in Town pay out of y^e^ Town Treasury, for his further Encouragement in the work of y^e^ Ministry for this year.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield January the 12th, 1780–81, being Assembled in order to manifest their minds with Respect to a compliance with his Majestics 27th Instruction Relating to fixing a Sallery on our Governours for y^e^ Time being,† & having Read the s^d^ Instruction together

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*Salmon were not super-abundant at this date, the price per pound being about twenty times more than that of shad.

† The King appointed the Governor, and instructed the Province to settle upon him a fixed annual salary of £1,000. The people were willing to maintain a Governor appointed by the Crown, but desired to make the sum contingent

with his Excellencys speech upon the Conference, as also y^e^ Two Letters therein Refered to; and being thereby made more Deeply sensible how greatly our most valluable privileges are Exposed by our hitherto neglect, and the Displeasure of our most Graclouse Sovereign procured, and all the marks and tokens of his favour, kindness, and Respect for y^e^ future forfieted; and considering also that Debt of Gratitude which is Due from us to our Sovereign in appointing one to Represent His Majesties Royal person at y^e^ Head of this Government Virtually of our own chousing and so much to y^e^ Good liking all; when we had given such cause for other measures which amounts to such a Degree of unexpected Indulgence and mark of Respect as is almost unparraleld and not to be forgotten, hoping also; that if y^e^ several Towns of this Province would take sumthing of a like method with us, although it might not prevail with those that Represent us to comply with His Majesties pleasure, yet might be of so much service as to Incline His Excellency our Governour not to make so speedy a Return to Great Brittain to give y^e^ Required Information as otherwise he might have Determined to Do. Such things as these, together with many others considered, therefore, voted: Declared, & by a very great Majority concluded, that it is highly Expedient, and of y^e^ most urgent Necessity and are fully of y^e^ minde that his Majesties 27^th^ Instruction be forthwith comply'd withal, and that fully, both as to the quantum and in the manner prescribed, that so His Majesties Lenity towards us may have the Desired Effect, and also His favour for y^e^ future continued.

The above written was voted & consented to by every man present.

Joseph Remington, Moderatour.

A vote for establishing the breadth of the Highway through High Street.

We the Subscribers, being appointed to Serch the Record with Respect to y^e^ breadth of High Street, and also to measure the Breadth of s^d^ Street in sundry places as we should think needfull, as also to make Report to y^e^ Town thereupon in order to their acting somthing in Refference thereto. . . In pursuance of which betrustment Reposed in us, we have Indeavoured to confirm; and having measured s^d^ street in Divers places Do find the breadth of s^d^ street between front fence and front fence as it now stands in opposition to be as followeth: at y^e^ North side of y^e^ Meeting House the breadth is 18 Rods and fifteen feet, at y^e^ South corner of Josiah Sheldon's Lot nineteen Rods and fourteen feet; at y^e^ east corner of Josiah Sheldon's Lot fifteen Rods and five feet; at Josiah Kings south corner, Ten Rods: at Mr. Mathers west corner Ten Rods and eight feet: at Edward Burlisons south corner nine Rod and Eight feet: at Stockwells South corner seven Rods and Two feet: at Thomas Taylors south corner eight Rod & 14 feet: at Nathan^ll^ Warners west corner six Rod and eleven feet: at s^d^ Warners North corner Six Rod and 8 feet: at Springfield Road, 8 Rods and fourteen feet: at the west corner of y^e^ school

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upon his official conduct, and their ability to pay. An exciting contest for the principle involved, continued for many years, tending to estrange the Crown from the Province. Notwithstanding our loyal town vote and appeal in behalf of peace, the colony through its House of Representatives at Boston, secured one of the early victories that led to final independence.

See Barry's Mass., Vol. II, chap. v; Hutchinson, Vol. II, p. 338; Minot, Vol. I, p. 62.

Lot; eight Rod and fourteen feet: at y^e^ west corner of y^e^ Lot y^t^ was Serj. Thomas Huxleys, y^e^ breadth is Nineteen Rods: at y^e^ east corner of Filleys Lot fourteen Rod & four feet: at y^e^ South corner of Mr. Ebenezer Devotions Lot 14 Rod and fifteen and half foot: against y^e^ Lot that was John Taylors 8 Rods: against y^e^ House y^t^ was Joseph Remingtons, eight Rods and one foot: at Samuel Kents y^e^ 8^d^ Nine Rods and four feet: within about a Rod of Sam^ll^ Copleys south corner Eleven Rods & Three feet: att Sam^ll^ Hathaways East Corner, Seven Rods & Thirteen feet: at Sam^ll^ Hales House, Nine Rod & seven feet; at Timothy Hales House, Seven Rods & Twelve feet; at Josiah Hale's House, six Rods and four feet: at y^e^ South end of High Street, by Jonathan Risings Lot the Bredth is four Rods.

And for as much as we have considered all cercumstances Relating to said street, both as to the Records and other matters Relating thereto: Do Humbly offer it as our oppinion that it is Necessary that the Town Do Establish the Highway through High Street, from the Highway that Leads to Springfield, to y^e^ South end of s^d^ Street according to y^e^ Breadth above mentioned; and that in all other places between these above set forth & Discribed by Bredth, there be a conformity by a just Rule of proportions, and that some persons be appointed and Directed to sett up Sutable Bounds on each side of s^d^ Highway or Street, at each of those places, that so those that may be appointed from time to time to prevent Incroachments, may have somthing to guide and Direct them.*

Peter Roe, Joseph Winchel.

4^th^. The above Report was accepted and voted.

5^thly^. *Voted*, By a full and clear vote Cap^t^ Joseph Winchel, and Peter Roe was chosen to set up y^e^ Bounds of y^e^ High Way according to y^e^ Report accepted.

6^th^. Voted, to Leave y^e^ further Allowance of y^e^ committee on Repairing the meeting House with y^e^ committee already chose to allow their accounts.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield quallified as Law Directs to vote in Town meetings, January y^e^ 28^th^, 1730–31. 1^st^ *John Kent* was chosen Moderatour.

2^d^. Voted, to allow the constables: viz: John Rising and Medad Pumry so as to make up their wages Twenty Shillings apiece for their service in year 1730.

3^dly^. Voted, to allow Mr. Josiah Sheldon his charge for conveying John Thatcher to Water Town, and that it shall be Left with the Selectmen to Examine and allow s^d^ account.

4^thly^. Voted, that there be allowed and paid out of y^e^ Town Treasury sixpence p^r^ week p^r^ scholler, to all such as hath sent children to School Dames for y^e^ year past and that shall send to School Dames at any Time until March 1732: that is to say, Such School Dames as have or shall make the Teaching of children to Read &c, their whole business During the proper Hours in the Day for that business, and that upon certificate from such School Dames Signifying the time of her Instructing such children, and also that she hath been in Constant Imploy as aforesaid.

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* No later Act establishing the breadth of High Street is found. See Appendix.

The Selectmen for y^{e} Time being may Give order to y^{e} Town Treasurer for y^{e} time being for y^{e} payment of y^{e} s^{d} six pence p^{r} week to y^{e} parents or Masters of such children.

To y^{e} Town Clerk, S^{r}, please to enter The foregoing vote in the Town Book.

John Mixer, Joseph Remington, John Kent, Select Men.

John Kent, Moderator.

Att a General or Annoversal Meeting of the frecholders and other Inhabitants of y^{e} Town of Sufficld Quallified for voting in Town affairs, on Munday the Eighth Day of March 178$\frac{9}{1}$ for y^{e} choice of Necessary Town Officers for y^{e} year Insuing; and for other things of General Concern.

Joseph Remington was Chosen Moderator to order and Regulate said Meeting.

Town Clerk, John Austin.

Select Men—Timothy Palmer, Samuel Kent y^{e} 1st, Ebenezer Burbank, Joseph Remington, James King, Sen^{r}.

Assessors—Joseph Remington, John Pengilley, Samuel Hathaway.

Fence Viewers—Anthony Austin, Thomas Copley, John Burbank, William Mather, Samuel Roe, Samuel Warner.

Hogg Reeves—Nathaniel Phelps, Nathan^{ll} Wooster.

Constables—Nathan^{ll} Harmon, Timothy Phelps.

Tything Men—John Devotion, Jonathan Remington, Ichabod Smith, Samuel Kent y^{e} 2^{d}.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Sealer of Leather—Sam^{ll} Sikes.

Land Measurer—Cap^{t} Jos Winchel.

Town Treasurer—Joseph King.

1st. The question being put whether the Town would make any further allowances to men that have wrought about the Meeting House: It passed in the Negative.

2^{d}. For as much as the vote passed at y^{e} Town meeting January y^{e} 28th, 178$\frac{9}{1}$, for granting sixpence p^{r} week p^{r} Scholler to such as are taught by school Dames, is in the opinion of the Town not Legall, not being according to y^{e} Notification for the s^{d} meeting; and not Legally warned, and being very Dissatisfactory to y^{e} Town; Therefore voted, that y^{e} s^{d} vote be utterly void and of none effect.

3^{d}. Voted, that there be the sum of Twenty pounds in Town pay Raised for y^{e} promoting Learning in the Remote parts of the Town that can't have Benefit by the publick School, to be Disposed of for the Teaching of children in such parts at the Discretion of y^{e} Select Men at four pence p^{r} week for each scholler that are Taught by School Dames, so far as the s^{d} Twenty pounds will allow.

4th. Voted, that there be a * Horse Bridge Built over Stoney Brook below y^{e} Corn Mill, y^{e} charg therof to be Defrayed by y^{e} High way Rate.

5th. Voted, that y^{e} article about sheep be Refered to y^{e} next town meeting.

6th. Voted, that the article Relating to Lengthening y^{e} time for collecting the Highway Rate be Refered to y^{e} next Town Meeting.

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* Near where Boston Neck Bridge now stands.

7th. Voted, that y^e^ pews on Each Side of y^e^ Great Door in the Meeting House, be Esteemed Equal with y^e^ corners or 2^d^ pews, only giving the prefferance to y^e^ corner pews.

8th. Voted that y^e^ meeting House be new Seated, and y^e^ Rules for the Seaters in seating thereof —— be as followeth, viz: by Estate principally, and y^e^ Estate to be Recconed by y^e^ Lists from the last Seating to this Time, having Respect to persons, age, and quallities, as the Seaters in their Judgment shall se meet.

9th. By a clear vote, Cap^t^ Joseph Winchel, Peter Roe, Sam^ll^ Kent Sen^r^, Joseph Remington, and John Austin were chosen to seat y^e^ meeting House as afore s^d^.

10. Voted, that y^e^ young men be seated from sixteen years old & upward, and the maids from Fourteen years old and upwards, according to y^e^ Descretion of y^e^ seaters.

11. *Voted*, that the Selectmen Do forthwith se what Bulls there are in the Town fit for service, and agree with the owners of them for y^e^ use of y^e^ Town: and to give suitable Incouragement to persons that shall procure good & sufficient Bulls to y^e^ number of Ten Bulls or more, for y^e^ Towns use.

Joseph Remington, Moderator.

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May the 17th, 1731.

1^st^. Joseph Remington was chosed Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

2^d^. Voted, to Raise five pounds, Ten shillings money, for the Committee appointed to Repair the Meeting House.

3^d^. Voted to Defer y^e^ further Repairing the meeting House as to the New Clabboarding, for y^e^ space of one year next comming, onely to Repair some Breaches.

4. *Voted*, to give Deacon John Hanchet seven shillings and six pence which he Informed the Town he had some time in his hands thogh unknown to himself, being Intrest Money.

5th. Voted, that Joseph Remington, Ebenezer Burbank, & Cap^t^ Joseph Winchel, be a Committee to examine the Recconing made with the Trustees of y^e^ 50000£ Loan, and Rectifie what mistakes they may finde if any be.

6th. Abraham Burbank petitioning for a part of the High Way west of *Thomas Sheldons: it passed in y^e^ negative.

7th. Voted, to abate what is behind of y^e^ High way Rate of William Pearse Deceased, of John Thatcher, and of Benjamin Pumry.

8th. Serj. James King petitioning to Set up a Gate at y^e^ Head of y^e^ way (to y^e^ mill) south of his House, by a clear vote it passed in the Negative.

9th. It being Requested to Try y^e^ mind of y^e^ Town whether they would Lesson y^e^ Breadth of y^e^ High way from Deep Brook to Springfield:
It pass'd in the negative.

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*Thomas Sheldon's homestead was the 50 acres originally granted to the Rev. John Younglove; situate, North of the West Suffield road, between Muddy Brook and Old Street. (See Map, Period II, and foot note p. 231.)

10th. It being put to the Town whether y^e^ Broad alley in y^e^ meeting House should be fil'd up:

It pass'd in y^e^ Negative.

11th. Voted, y^t^ y^e^ Seaters Do proceed in Seating y^e^ young People according to y^e^ vote of y^e^ Town Last meeting.

12th. Voted, to allow y^e^ masters of negroes, and free negroes, a liberty to, for them to make a seat for s^d^ Negroes at y^e^ Norwest corner of y^e^ Meeting House, upon y^e^ beams.

13. Voted, that y^e^ Select men Do allow to such persons as shall keep Bulls for y^e^ use of y^e^ Town for y^e^ space of seven years next comming, what they shall yearly Judge meet.

14. Voted, that Cap^t^ Richard Austin Do take y^e^ first Pew for his seat.

15th. Voted, that Joseph Remington Do take y^e^ 2^d^ pew for his seat.

16th. Voted, that Jonathan Remington and John Trumble the first have Liberty to exchange seats.

Joseph Remington Moderator.

At a Legal Town meeting, Sept. y^e^ 17th, 1781.

1^st^. Voted, that Joseph Remington be Moderator to manage this meeting.

2^d^. The Question being put to y^e^ Town whether they are minded that the Province Treasury be Supplyed and the money Issued according to his Majesties Instruction: It was voted in the affermative.

3^d^. By a clear vote the Town approved of an order given by y^e^ Select men to y^e^ Town Treasurer for the payment of Twelve pounds Ten shillings to Mr. Jonathan Ashley, School Master; out of y^e^ Towns Bank Intrest money.

Joseph Remington, Moderator.

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield on Wednesday y^e^ 24th of November, 1781.

Serj. Joseph Remington was chosen Moderator to manage s^d^ meeting.

1^st^. Voted, to allow the Seaters for their Service for the Town in seating the Meeting House 4^s^ p^r^ Day being 8 daies a piece.

2^d^. Voted to allow the Committee appointed to Recon with the Trustees of y^e^ Bank money half a crown a piece for s^d^ service.

3^d^. Voted to Allow Serj. Joseph King y^e^ like sum for Assisting the s^d^ Committee in s^d^ Reconing.

4th. Voted, to Allow Peter Roe half a crown for Entertaining s^d^ committee at s^d^ Reconing.

5th. *Voted*, to allow Ebenezer Burbank and James King 4^s^ a piece for service Don for y^e^ Town about y^e^ pound.

6th. Voted, to allow Cap^t^ Austin Ten shillings Extraordinary, for Two years past in Sweeping the Meeting House when seats were making.

7th. Voted, to allow of y^e^ Select mens Bargains with particular persons for service Don for y^e^ Town.

8th. Voted, to Raise forty pounds in money to pay a School master and other Town money Debts.

9th. Voted, to allow the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Devotion the sum of Thirty pounds in Town pay over and above his Sallery, for his further Incouragement in the work of y^e^ Ministry y^e^ year Insuing.

10th. The Town by a clear vote made choice of, and Impowered Joseph King to prosecute all such persons as he shall from time to time Receive Information from the Select men or Town Clerk that have Entertained or taken in Strangers under any consideration and not given Notice to y^e^ Select men or Town Clerk as the Law Directs, for Two years past and also for Time to come.

11th. *Voted*, that such notes or Bonds as are taken for y^e^ Town Led Lent be forthwith Brought to y^e^ Town Treasurer in order to their being put in Suit.

12th. Voted, that y^e^ Town Treasurer Do Recover y^e^ Towns Gun * in Ensign Adams his hand, and the Rent of it for y^e^ Towns use, from the time it was Lent unto this Day.

13th. Leiut Joshua Leavitt proposing to y^e^ Town to pay y^e^ sum of 15 Shillings in Town pay for what of y^e^ old seats he had, and to Return what was best of them. The Question being put whether y^e^ Town would accept of s^d^ proposall, it pass'd in the affirmative.

14th. Voted, that Iron be Receive into y^e^ Town Treasury and paid out at the Rate of 56 shillings p^r^ Hundred. (See pp. 152, 223, 225.)

March the 13th, 173¼. At a Generall or Anneversary Town meeting for the choice of Necessary Town officers for the year Insuing and for other things of a General Concern. Cap^t^ John Kent was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

Select men—Cap't. Joseph Winchel, Joseph Remington, Ebenezer Burbank, Joseph King & John Austin.

Assessors—Joseph Winchel, John Austin, Joseph King.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constables—Dudley Kent, & Nathan^ll^ Harmon y^e^ 1^st^.

Fence Veiwers—Joshua Kendel, Samuel Remington, Medad Pumry, Samuel Kent y^e^ 2^d^, Josiah King, & William King.

Tything Men—Sam^ll^ Copley, Ebenezer Nash, Daniel Adams, Asaph Leavitt.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights & Measures—Joshua Leavitt.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer—Joseph King.

Sealer of Leather—Thomas Shelden.

At this General Town meeting vote pas't as followeth.

1^st^. Voted, to Allow Asaph Leavitt Twenty Shilling for the use of his House for Schollers for half a year, or till y^e^ Last of April next.

2^d^. Voted, that flax from the Swingle be Received in and paid out of y^e^ Town Treasury at Twelve pence p^r^ pound.

3^d^. *Voted*, that y^e^ Select men Do Let out y^e^ School Lot for Three years to y^e^ Highest bider, and the money to be to the use of y^e^ School.

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* See note, p. 203.

4th. Voted, to Allow Daniel Adams a Liberty of one quarter of an acre of Land out of y^e^ Highway by his House for Conveniency of Building, & to have it in Exchang for Land on a good Right. Capt Winchel to measure y^e^ Land and to se that it be Laid in a Regular form at y^e^ charge of y^e^ s^d^ Daniel Adams.

5th. Voted, to Allow Fearnot Burlison fifty shillings for work about y^e^ Galleries over and above what he hath already Received, being Six pounds.

6th. At the motion of Jacob Adams sen^r^, Voted, that Capt Joseph Winchel Joseph King and Joseph Harmon be a Committee to Repair to a Highway and Land that Adams Shall show them and at his charge, and to make Report to y^e^ Town the next meeting what they think proper to be acted thereon.

7th. Whereas, there was a Highway Laid out through Land* of Joseph Pumrys, s^d^ Pumry having fenced up s^d^ Highway, and Left a Highway South of his House and the Sawmil on Muddy Brook, and proposing to y^e^ Town, y^e^ Town to Except of y^e^ s^d^ Exchange, the town by their vote excepted of s^d^ Exchange.

8th. Voted, that Nathan^ll^ Austin be Collecter of y^e^ Highway Rate in y^e^ Room of Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

9th. Voted, to Allow John Pengilley Jun^r^ untill y^e^ Last of June next to Compleet y^e^ Collecting of y^e^ Highway Rate.

10th. Voted, to Improve Asaph Leavitt to mend the Breaches in y^e^ Clabboard part of the meeting House, and to Allow said Leavitt six shillings p^r^ Day for his service.

11th. *Voted*, to pay Timothy Phelps for mending the meeting House Glace, and for keeping it in Repair.

12th. Voted, to allow James Rising Six Shillings p^r^ Hundred for what Clabbourds y^e^ s^d^ Asaph Leavitt shall give the Select men account of that there is of y^e^ Clabbord that s^d^ Rising brought for y^e^ meeting House.

Att a Legal meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield on Munday the 15th Day of May, 1732, Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to manage and order y^e^ s^d^ meeting, and then voted;

1st. Voted, to Repair the School House so as to make it fit for the use of the School.

2^d^ly. Ensign Anthony Austin was chosen to take ye Care to se the School House Repaired as afore s^d^.

3^d^ly. Voted, to Leave it with the Select men to provide the Town with a School Master for this present year.

4^l^y. Voted, there be money Raised (at y^e^ ordinary Rating Time) for Defraying y^e^ charge of a School master.

5th. Voted, that in case † John Thatcher Do Return to Reside again in this Town, to be at y^e^ charge of y^e^ Select mens procuring a warrant and sending him away, as y^e^ Law Directs.

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* Now the Eli Freeman farm. See text and note, p. 236.

† He was a native of Watertown, Mass., which was liable for his support.

6th. Voted, that Matthew Towsleys Rates the year past be abated; and that the Town Treasurer Do Discount with Constable Timothy Phelps so much as sd Rates amount unto.

August the 24th, 1732. At a Legal meeting of ye Inhabitants of Suffield: first, Capt John Kent was chosen Moderator to order sd meeting.

2d. It was voted, that the Committee for Repairing ye Meeting House Do give a Power of Attourney to some meet person to appear for them at ye next Inferiour Court at Springfield; in the action commenced against sd Committee by Richard Austin, and to pay all costs of sd Sute which sd committee or their Attourney shall Necessarily Expend; Except sd Attourney shall agree with sd Austin which se Town Do Impower sd Attourney to Do, and Do also hereby Ingage to perform ye sd Attourneys aggrement on the Towns behalf in ye premises.

3d. Voted, to allow y Constables for their Service, Twenty shillings apiece with what is already voted.

4th. Voted, to abate * Phillip Nelsons Rates ye year past.

5th. Voted, to be at ye charge of Building a † New School House 24 feet in Length and Eighteen feet wide, and nine feet between Joints, and to Set it up in the Lane in the most convenient Place near against Abraham Burbanks House.

6th. Voted, to pay to Mr. Josiah Shelden forty Pounds, ye one half in money, and the other half in Town Pay, when he the sd Shelden shall have Set up a School House of ye Dementions before mentioned, and every way fitted for ye service of a School House, and also that sd Shelden shal have ye old School House.

November ye 30th, 1732. Att a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield Quallified to vote in Town Meetings as ye Law Directs.

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* Mr. Thomas Nelson of Yorkshire, England, came over with the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers Company in 1638, bringing two sons, Philip and Thomas, and settled at Rowley, Mass., where he was a prominent citizen. He returned to England on business, and died there in 1648. By his will, Sir Richard Bellingham and Richard Dummer, Gent., were guardians of his sons. Philip graduated at Harvard College in 1654, was a Lieutenant in King Philip's War, 1676, and Captain of the Rowley Company in Sir Wm. Phipp's Canada Expedition in 1690. He became involved in a religious controversy with his church, and was censured by the General Court. He died August 19, 1691, at Rowley, about 55 years of age, having had three wives and ten children. His oldest son Philip was born at Rowley April 16, 1659; married, lived, and there died December 4, 1721, leaving but one son *Philip*, who was born August 19, 1690, and came to Suffield about the year 1732, there married Sarah the granddaughter of the Rev. John Younglove, July 25, 1733, who bore him eleven children. He bought land in Ratley in 1736, settled there, and was the founder of the Nelson family in Suffield. He had the title doctor in the records, and was prominent in the early days of the Second Ecclesiastical Society. The precise date of his death is not known, but probably 1775. His widow died April 30, 1804, aged 89 years. His homestead is now the property of James D. Loomis. He was the great grandfather of Horatio K. Nelson.

† See foot note, pp. 142, 254. This was the High st. school house until 1797.

1st. Voted, that Joseph Remington be Moderator to order and manage sd Meeting.

2dly. Voted, to allow the Reverend Mr Ebenezer Devotion Twenty Pounds in Town Pay in consideration of the great Prizes of Provision Pay.

3dly. Voted, that Thirty pounds in Town pay be Raised and put into ye Town Treasury to Defray Town Charges over and above what hath been allready Granted.

4thly. Voted, that Twenty five pounds in money be Raised and put into the Town Treasury for Support of ye Schooll the year Insuing.

5thly. Voted, to allow Dudley Kent Constable, Twenty one shillings in Town pay for warning sundry Persons out of Town, and his other Trouble about John Thatcher viz: his citing the Select men to answer the complaint of sd Thatcher.

6thly. Voted, to allow Timothy Phelps so much of the Rates of such persons who absconded before he had opportunity to collect them, he giving security to collect the same when he shall have an opportunity, and to pay such Collections into the Town Treasury.

7thly. Voted, that the Select men pass Town Debts.

8thly. Voted, that Iron, Indian Corn, Rie, Oats and flax shall be Received as Town pay, to pay Town Debts at the prizes following viz: Iron at 56s pr Hundred, Indian Corn at 4s 6d pr bushel, Rye at 6s pr bushel; Oats at 2s 8d pr bushel, and flax at 12d pr pound. (See foot note, p. 187.)

9thly. The Question being put to the Town whether they would set the New Schooll House that is to be Built in some other place than where it was Last voted to be Sett. Voted in the affirmative; and voted that Capt Joseph Winchel and Joseph King be a Committee to prefix the Place it shall be set on, so that it should not exceed the space of forty Rods from, nor within ye space of Ten Rods of ye Meeting House.

10thly. Voted, that the Select men take care to put out the children of such persons as are not able or neglect Due means Sutably to provid for them.

11th. Voted, that the Select men take the best care they can of such Persons who Live Idle and Disolute Lives, and follow no Lawfull Calling, so as to Subsist themselves and familys thereby.

Given in to Enter under ye Attest of

Joseph Remington Moderatour.

Att a meeting of ye frecholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Quallified as ye Law Directs for voting in Town affairs; being Notified to meet, to make choice of Needfull Town officers for ye year Insuing, and for other matters of a General Concern for sd Town, accordingly meet on Munday the Twelfth Day of March, 178⅔, and voted as followeth, viz: John Kent Esqr was chosen Moderator to order sd Meeting.

Selectmen — Capt John Kent, John Pengilley, Jacob Hathaway, Capt Josiah Shelden, Lieut Abraham Adams.

Town Clerk — John Austin.

Constables — Edward Foster, & Jn° Burbank.

Assessors — John Austin, Dudley Kent, Joseph King.

Fence Viewers — Timothy Palmer, William Halladay, Josiah Hale, & Jon^{t}. Rising, Samuel Granger y^{e} 1st, John Adams y^{e} 1st, Benjamin Gillet, & Sam^{ll}. Kent y^{e} 2^{d}.

Surveighors of Highways — Thomas Shelden, John Granger, Daniel Adams, Benjamin Remington, William King, Samuel Granger, and John Rising.

Tything Men — Nathaniel Warner, Ebenezer Burbank, Joseph Harmon, John Olds, Ichabod Smith, Sam^{ll} Spenser.

Sizer and Sealer of Weights & Measures — Josiah King.

Town Treasurer — Joseph King.

Land measurer — Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel.

Sealer of Leather — Thomas Shelden.

Att this meeting, upon other affairs voted as followeth:

1st. Voted, that Timothy Phelps and Nathaniel Harmon, Constables for y^{e} year 1781, be allowed Ten shillings Each over and above their Sallery for their service as Constables; provided they subject the several Rates (committed to them) to be cast up by the present Assessors, together with John Pengilley, Late Assessor, and if it apppear that the several Sums Contained in them amount to more than the Sums Contained in their warrants that they pay it into y^{e} Town Treasury, for the Towns use.

2^{d}. Voted, to allow y^{e} Town Treasurer Ten Shillings addition to his Sallery.

Att a meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants of Suffield, May y^{e} 10th, 1788.

1st. Voted, that the Selectmen be Directed to take Effectual care That the Surveyors Do Substantiall Repair y^{e} Great Bridge over Muddy Brook and also y^{e} Causey there, & that with all convenient Speed.

2^{d}. Voted, to Grant John Kent so much of y^{e} Highway North of his * House Lot where he now Dwells as is now within fence provided y^{e} s^{d} John Kent Resigns up to y^{e} Towns use (so much Land as is now granted;) out of the West Side of his s^{d} Lot as he hath now Granted to him, and the select men are appointed at y^{e} s^{d} Kents cost to see y^{e} Land Stak'd out to y^{e} Town.

3^{dly}. Voted, that the Assessor Do for the Insuing year Leave out William Halladays sons Moses head out of y^{e} Publick Taxes.

4th. Voted, that the Assessor Do Omitt Rating three of y^{e} Poorest men in the Town provided they have considerable familys of Children, for this Insuing year.

5th. Voted, that Leiut John Austin Do sit in y^{e} fore Pew.

6th. Voted, that the Select men Do for this year make such Alterations in the Meeting House as they Judge meet, Respecting persons Setting.

7th. John Old and Dudley Kent were appointed a Committee to take care that order be observed in persons sitting in the Galleries, & to make complaint to some authority of any continued Disorders. Adjourned to 8, and then met.

8th. Voted, that ye Select men shall for Rules observe the former seating List, and since what men have paid to y^{e} publick, as also age and Improvement in part.

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* Julius Harmon's heirs now own this homestead. John Kent, Esq., was the son of the first Suffield John, and died June 24th, 1787. (See p. 224.)

June the 8th, 1733. At a meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Suffield warn'd to try y^e^ minde of y^e^ Town Relating to seating the meeting House and seats in the same: and Relating to Highways and confirmation of y^m^.

1^st^. Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

2^dly^. It was put to vote to se if the Town would fill up y^e^ Broad alley in the meeting House and it passed in y^e^ Negative.

3^d^. Voted, that y^e^ Town would not Do anything Respecting Seating y^e^ Meeting House.

4^thly^. Voted, that Leiut Joseph King Do sue out y^e^ Bond that John Burbank gave to y^e^ Town for making and keeping y^e^ Bridge over Rawlingses Brook, if y^e^ s^d^ Burbank Do not forthwith compleat y^e^ s^d^ Bridge according to y^e^ Tenour of s^d^ Bond.

5^th^. Voted, that ye Select men Do take care to get y^e^ seats Repair'd in the meeting House where they are gon or wanting.

Given in to Record

By Joseph Remington Moderatour.

Att a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield December the 20^th^, 1733.

1^st^. Cap^t^ John Kent was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting, who with Drawing, John Austin was chosen Moderatour to carry on the s^d^ meeting and then the following votes were passed.

2^d^. Voted, that forty five in money be Raised this year for the Defreying what the Town is already Indebted, and for Defreying what money Charge may Occationally arise afterward.

3^d^. Voted, to leave it with the Select men to Examine and allow mens Bills for what they have Don for the Town, and to allow or give them Credit for the same.

4^th^. Voted, that so long as the Inhabitants of feather Street at their own Cost and Charge shall make and maintain a Sufficient Pound for Impounding Creatures it shall be Deemed a Lawfull Pound.

5^th^. Voted, that William Halladay be allowed and paid out of the Town Treasury what he was Rated the Last year for his son Moses his head.

6^th^. Voted, to abate what Judah Trumble, Matthew Towsley, Jacob Wheeler, William Pearse, and Ebenezer Old, were Rated in the Highway Rate, or what is behind of the s^d^ Rates and the Collections of s^d^ Rate be accordingly Discharged of the afore s^d^ Rate.

7^th^. *Voted, that in Case John Burbank Doth not make y^e^ Bridge over Rawlins Brook, In the Judgement of the Select men according to the Bond he hath given Relating thereto, Twenty Days before the Court in March next, then the s^d^ Select men by themselves or others whom they appoint to prosecute y^e^ s^d^ John Burbank at s^d^ Court for his neglect therein.

9^th^. Voted, that the Select men shall have power to Let out the School House to such person or persons, (for their comfort between Exercises on the Lords Day,) & upon such conditions as they shall Judge meet for one year next coming.

*See Highway, pp. 225-26-44.

8^{thly}. Voted, that the Reverend Mr Ebenezer Devotion be allowed and paid out of y^{e} Town Treasury (in consideration of y^{e} fall of money) Thirty pounds in Town pay over and above his stated Sallery.

10. Voted, that John Pengilley one of the Collectors of the Highway Rate Do forthwith Se that the Incumbrance that is or may be on the Highway over Muddy Brook by Joseph Pumrys be Removed.*

11^{thly}. Voted, the Select men Do take care that the Pew Doors in the meteing House be made and Hung.

12. Voted, that the Select men Do see that there be a window made and Glased in the womens pews by y^{e} Pulpet.

13. Voted, that the Select men Do make a by Law for the preventing persons felling, Girdling or lopping any Trees, (in any of y^{e} High ways) that may be appointed for Shade Trees, and to present the same to y^{e} Court for approbation.

14th. Voted, to allow Mr. †Benjamin Pumroy forty shillings in money for his preaching one Sabbath.

15th. Voted, to allow Constable Harmon the Rates of Edward Strickland, Joseph Smith, and Thomas Copley Jun^{r}, & Dudley Kent the Rates of Jacob Wheeler.

16th. Voted, that the Hind flank seat on the North side of the upper Gallery be made up forthwith by the Committee that is appointed for Repairing the Meeting House, and that seat and that only be for the Negroes to sit in.

March 12th, 173$\frac{4}{5}$. At a General or Anneversary meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield for the choice of Necessary Town officers; and for other things of a General Concern. Cap^{t} John Kent being chosen Moderatour to order s^{d} meeting, the following choice was made and votes passed.

Select men — Samuel Harthaway, John Austin, Samuel Kent y^{e} 3^{d}, John Pengilley & William King.

Assessors — John Austin, Joseph King, John Pengilley.

Town Clerk — John Austin.

Constables — Edward Foster, & John King.

Surveyors of Highways — Nathaniel Pumroy, John Adams y^{e} 1st, Joseph Fuller, Samuel Lane, Timothy Palmer, Samuel Kent y^{e} 2^{d}, Joshua Kendel, & John Trumble y^{e} 2^{d}.

Sealer of Leather — Noah Pumroy.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & measures — Josiah King.‡

Town Treasurer — Joseph King.

Land Measurer — Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel.

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* See p. 252. For other votes about negroes, see pp. 229–50.

† See note, p. 81. He was conspicuous in the religious dissensions of the period. See Trumbull's History of Connecticut, vol. ii, chapter 8, and Connecticut Colonial Records, vol. ix.

‡ Josiah King, grandson of Captain John, and son of William (all) of Northfield, planted a family here about the year 1736. He was *not* a descendant of James King, the Suffield planter, as supposed. (See p. 86.)

Tything men — Abraham Burbank, John Roe, Jacob Adams, Nathan[ll] Harmon y[e] 1[st], Benjamin Gillet, & Thomas Copley.

Fence Veiwers — Josiah Hale, Jonathan Rising, John Warner Jun, Medad Pumroy, Daniel Adams, & Nathaniel Warner.

At the same meeting voted,

1[st]. That John Austin, John Pengilley be a committee to Recon with the Town Treasurer (also Cap[t] John Kent added to s[d] Committee by a clear vote at y[e] next meeting).

2[d]. Voted, to allow Constable Harmon the Rates of Edward Strickland, Joseph Smith & Thomas Copley Jun[r] and to Dudley Kent the Rates of Jacob Wheeler.

3[d]. Voted, that the Hind flank seat in the upper Gallery on the North side be forthwith made up by the Committee for Repairing y[e] meeting House and that that seat and that only be for y[e] Negroes to sit in.

May y[e] 9[th], 1784. Att a Legall meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Quallified to vote in Town meetings, being Notified to meet and being conveened, voted as followeth.

1[st]. John Austin was chosen Moderatour to order s[d] meeting.

2[d]. Cap[t] John Kent was chosen to Joyn with the former committee that was chosen to Reccon with the Town Treasurer.

3[d]. David Smith proposing to y[e] Town to Exchange some Land for convenience of Building.

Voted, that Cap[t] Joseph Winchel, and William King be a Committee at y[e] charge of s[d] Smith to view the Land Requested for, and the Land that is to be Laid Down in Exchange therof, and make Report to the Town at the next meeting how much Land and in w[t] form will suit s[d] Smiths Design, and also what Land in their Judgment s[d] Smith shall Throw up to y[e] Town having Regard to all cercumstances of y[e] Land that may make y[e] Exchange Equal.

4[thly]. Voted, that the Town shall be at the cost of mending all the Glass in the Meeting House, and mend all y[e] Breaches therein to prevent Birds Coming into s[d] House, and that Ensign Josiah King be a Committee to take care to get y[e] worke Don, and to se that the Breaches in s[d] House be speedily Repaired.

5[th]. Voted, that the Pound be set in the Town Street near where the old pound is, and that the Town be at y[e] Charge of Removing the Timber, and that the Select men se that the Town speedily have a pound erected in the Street as afore said.

At a Legal Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield August y[e] 22[d]. 1784. John Kent Esq[r] being chosen Moderator to order s[d] Meeting, the following votes were passed.

1[st]. Voted, that Mr. *Ebenezer Devotion Jun[r] be Desired to keep school for us and also somthing to assist his Reverend Father in Preaching the Gospel to us, and also to Give him an Honourable Reward for the same.

2[d]. Voted, to Leave it with the Select men to Treat with the s[d] Mr. Devotion and agree with him as afore s[d].

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* He was the minister at Scotland, Windham Co., Conn., 1735–1771.

Att a Legal Meeting of y^e^ freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield conveened & held on the 13^th^ Day of December 1784.

1^st^. Deacon Joseph Remington was chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting.

2^d^. Voted, to allow Abraham Burbank for †*stocks* Eleven shillings & sixpence. To Richard Austin for work at y^e^ school House sixteen shillings. To William King for a pad lock four shillings. To James King Sen^r^ for plank Eleven shillings & Two pence. To Lieu^t^ Abraham Adams for Two Journey^s^ for School master fifteen shillings.

3^d^. Voted, to allow the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Devotion over and above his stated Sallery—In Regard of y^e^ fall of money, Thirty pounds.

4. Voted, and made choice Serj Abraham Burbank in the Room of Jn^o^ King to serve as constable.

5. Voted, to Raise Thirty Eight pounds in Town pay: and one Hundred and Thirty one pound in money.

6. Voted, that Iron should be In Town payments Three pounds p^r^ Hundred, Wheat at Ten shillings p^r^ bushell, Rie at seven shillings p^r^ bushell, Indian corn at five shillings p^r^ bushell, Oats at Three shillings p^r^ bushell, flax at fifteen pence p^r^ pound, and Barly at six shillings p^r^ bushell.

7. Voted, that the Select men Do Inquire Into the Town Debts and allow what they shall Judge to be Due.

At this meeting Voted, that y^e^ select men Do allow Timothy Phelps his account.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield Qualified to vote In Town Meetings, being Notified to conveen and meet on the 2^d^ Munday of March being the Tenth Day of s^d^ month Annoque Domini, 1784 for the choice of Necessary Town officers for y^e^ year Insuing and some other things of a publick concern. They accordingly met on s^d^ Day and made choice of John Pengilley Jun^r^ Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting, and then proceeded to choice of officers as followeth.

Select men — Joseph Winchel, John Austin, John Pengilley, William King, Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

Assessors — Joseph King, John Pengilley, & Sam'll Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

Town Clerk — John Austin.

Constables — Benjamin Kent, and Thomas Spenser.

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†The Plymouth Colony Laws in 1637 required each town to be provided with "the stocks" and the whipping post, and these were the appendages of every Meeting House, one hundred years ago. (Thatcher's Plymouth.) In 1720, the Massachusetts Province Law required every town to be provided with them. They were common throughout the Colony at an early date, voluntarily erected by the towns, as a terror to sinners. The "*stocks*" are once again mentioned in our records, Proprietors Book, vol. 1, p. 26, as follows: "At a Lawfull meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands within the Township of Suffield, December the 12th, 1737. First, By a clear vote, Capt. Joseph Winchell was chosen Moderator for s^d^ meeting. 2^ly^. It was voted that notifications for Proprietors Meetings should be set up on a signpost, southward of the Meeting-House in s^d^ Suffield, some few rods distant therefrom that is to say! by the stocks that stand by a White Oak tree that is there. 3^ly^. By a clear vote said meeting was dissolved."

Fence Viewers — Timothy Phelps, Joseph Kent, John Burbank, William Mather, Thomas King, and Dudley Kent.

Tything Men — Ensign Joshua Kendel, Samuel Harthaway, Sam^{ll} Kent y^{e} 2^{d}, John Smith, Jonathan Remington, Timothy Palmer.

Town Treasurer — Joseph King.

Land Measurer — Cap^{t}. Joseph Winchel.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures — Josiah King.

Sealer of Leather — Noah Pumroy.

Surveyors of Highways — Jacob Hartheway, John Trumble y^{e} 1st, John Old, Ed^{w}. Foster, Sam^{ll} Granger y^{e} 2^{d}, William Halladay, Nathaniel Harmon y^{e} 2^{d}, Nathan^{ll} Norton, and Jonathan Remington Jun^{r}.

Then Voted not have any Hogreevs.

2^{dly}. At this meeting Voted, to chouse a Committee to Lease out the School Lot for a Term not Exceeding five years.

3^{d}. Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee for that purpose.

4th. Voted, That the Town Treasurer Do pay to (or Discount with) John Burbank late Constable the sums of Joseph Burlisons and Will^{m} Hammiltons Rates Committed to s^{d} Constable to collect, provided he give the s^{d} Treasurer good security that so soon as he has an opportunity he will collect s^{d} Rates and pay y^{e} same Into the Town Treasury. And then the meeting was adjourned to the last Munday of this Instant March, at sun an Hour High at Night.

Given to Record by John Pengilley, Moderator.

Att a Legal Town meeting of y^{e} Inhabitants of Suffield May the 8th, 1735, 1st Samuel Kent the 3^{d} was chosen Moderator to order s^{d} meeting.

2^{d}. And then voted and Granted to David Smith his Heirs & Assigns full Liberty by way of Exchange for Land of his, To take up, fence, and Improve as his and their proper Estate for ever, Two acres and Three quarters of Land on the Westward side or part of y^{e} High Way where s^{d} Smiths House now Stands, and that according to the following Description, that is to say; Beginning at Twelve feet Distance south from the south corner of s^{d} Smiths House as it now stands, Thence, Running North Twenty Degrees, East Thirteen perch to a stake; Thence North seventy Degrees East, Seventy six perch to y^{e} Southward corner of the second parcel of Land which s^{d} Smith has given the Town by a Deed bearing Date, March the 10th 1735. The south end of s^{d} Two acres & Three quarters is Twelve Rod and Tapouring to a point at the Northward End: The South End to be terminated so as not in y^{e} Least to Infringe y^{e} Towns priviledge with Respect to y^{e} main and Chief Spring or springs of Water that are in s^{d} Highway a Little Westward of s^{d} Smiths House. Entered May y^{e} 8th, 1735, Sam^{ll} Kent, Moderator.

At a Legal Town Meeting at Suffield upon the Twenty Seventh Day of November 1735.

1st. John Pengilley was chosen Moderator to order s^{d} meeting.

2^{dly}. Voted, to allow the Constables for warning persons out of y^{e} Town, Three pence p^{r} mile for Travel, and one shilling for serving a warrant on each person.

3^{dly}. Allowed to Dudley Kent, William Hambletons Rates what he had not collected before he went away, y^{e} s^{d} Dudley Kent giving Security to pay it again to y^{e} Town if ever he hath opportunity to collect the same.

4^{thly}. Allowed Cap^{t} Winchel, William King and Sam^{ll} Kent y^{e} 3^{d}, Select Men, Ten shillings each for Time spent in Reckoning with the Town Treasurer.

5^{thly}. Allowed Leiu^{t} Joseph King Eight Shillings for keeping the Select Men whilst they were making up a Reckoning with him.

6^{thly}. Allowed to those of the Select men that perambulated the line with Springfield & Westfield six Shillings p^{r} Day.

7^{thly}. Voted, to allow William King seven shillings for going to Windsor for a School Master.

8th. Allowed to John King,* Doctor John Drews Rates, he giving security to the Town for to pay them the same if he has opportunity to collect them.

9^{thly}. Voted, to allow Nathan^{ll} Pumroy five shillings for five Loads of poles.

10th. Voted, to allow Thos: Copley fourteen shillings for Timber.

11th. Voted, to allow those of y^{e} Select men and Cap^{t} Winchel five shillings a Day for going with y^{e} Comitioners to Run the Line.

12th. Allowed to Jacob Adams Eight shillings in Money for Nails for the Meeting House, and for writing a bond & time spent in the Towns service, Eight shillings & six pence.

13th. Voted, to allow y^{e} Reverend Mr Ebenezer Devotion Eighty pounds in Town pay over and above his stated Sallery in Regard of y^{e} fall of money.

14th. Allowed Leiu^{t} Jonathan Shelden 12^{s} for going to Northamton for a School Master.

15th. Voted, to Raise Sixty pounds in Town pay for Defraying Town Charges.

16th. Voted, that the Select men Do something as they shall think best about fencing clearing & laying out y^{e} Burying Yeard.

17th. Voted, that Cap^{t} Winchel, Deacon Mixer & Sam^{ll}. Kent y^{e} 3^{d}, Do consider if they think best to move some persons in the Meeting House for their more convenient Sitting.

18th. Voted, for ye Select men to Request of y^{e} Reverend Mr Ebenezer Devotion a copy of his Last Thanksgiving Day Sermon † & to take care to get it printed at y^{e} cost & charge of y^{e} Town & to get 400 books printted & that every family be supplyed with a Book, and that every single person that pays Rates by himself have one book, & the Remainder of ye 400 books be at y^{e} Desposing of y^{e} Town as they please.

19th. Voted, that y^{e} Select Men Do consider & allow Abraham Burbank,‡

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* Dr. John Drew, and Reliance Leavitt were published July 18, 1784, and married Aug. 22, 1784.

† This sermon probably was never printed. No copy is known to exist, and Thomas' Hist. of Printing does not mention it.

‡ The remainder of this vote, bottom of page 53, Rec. Book No. 2, is illegible.

August y^e^ 4. 1785. At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Suffield to Try whether the Town would set off y^e^ West part of y^e^ Town for a seperate Precinct, and the Question being put to ye Town whether they would set off s^d^ West part for a Precinct.*—It pass'd in y^e^ Negative.

March the 8^th^, 178[illegible]. At an Anneversary meeting of y^e^ freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield Quallified to vote in Town affairs to make choice of Necessary Town Officers for the year Insuing, and other concerns of a publick nature.

Samuel Kent the 3^d^ being chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting, the following choice was made.

Select Men—Joseph Winchel, John Austin, John Pengilley, William King, Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

Assessors—Joseph King, John Pengilley, Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constables—David Smith, and Noah Smith y^e^ 1^st^. afterwards voted to Except of Noah Smith y^e^ 1^st^ to serve alone.

Tything Men—John Rising, Dudley Kent, Nathan^ll^ Wooster, Joseph Fuller, Noah Smith y^e^ 2^d^, and John Granger.

Fence Viewers—Nathan^ll^ Warner, & William King, John Old, and Joseph Harmon, Joshua Kendel, & Benjamin Remington.

Surveyors of Highways—John Smith, George Norton jun^r^, Medad Pumry, Thomas Copley sen^r^, Joseph Kent, Daniel Adams, John Burbank, and Thomas Granger.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer—Joseph King.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures—Josiah King.

Sealer of Leather—Noah Pumroy.

Hogreeves—Daniel Spenser, Posthumas Sikes, James Austin, and Joseph Remington.

Surveyor of flax and hemp—Samuel Kent y^e^ 3^d^.

At this meeting Voted to Discharge the Collectors of the Highway Rate y^e^ whole of y^e^ Remainder of said Rate.

Sam^ll^ Kent 3^d^, Moderator.

May y^e^ —— 1786. Att a Legall meeting of the Frecholders and other Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Suffield to act something Relating to Highwaies; John Pengilley being chosen Moderatour to order s^d^ meeting; Then:

1^st^. Voted, that Joseph Winchel, Jonathan Shelden, and Samuel Kent y^e^ 3^d^, be a Committee to Treat Simsbury Relating to a Highway from y^e^ Round Hill to y^e^ West Iron Workes † and that what said Committe shall Do therein shall be good and valid to all Intents and that any person through whose Land

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* The first record of a desire to divide the town into two parishes.

† The dam for these works was about 10 Rods East from the present bridge, or about half way between it and the present Saw Mill dam. Here was a fulling mill later. See Note, p. 152.

is to pass from s[d] Iron Works to Windsor Line s[d] Highway not to exceed three Rods in breadth.

2[d]. Voted, that Joseph Remington, Joseph Winchel, John Trumble y[e] firste, and Abraham Burbank, be a Committee to take care that the Towns Highways have their full breadth, and to give Notice to such persons as Do Incroach upon said Wales, that they Do Remove such Incumbrances, & in case such Incumbrances be not speedily Removed, to prosecute such offenders in the Law.

Voted, and Read in Town meeting. Test:

John Pengilley, Moderator.

November y[e] 26[th]. 1736. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Quallified to vote in Town meetings being Notified to conveen on fryday y[e] s[d] 26[th] of November—To pass or allow Bills of Charge for y[e] year past, and to make a grant of money and Town pay to be raised for y[e] Defraying Town Debts, and other charges that may arise, and for an adition to Reverend Mr Devotions Sallery; to act somthing Relating to Highwaies & something relating to Ishmael Negro, and for Thomas Spenser Late Constable, and being met on s[d] Day Joseph Remington being chosen Moderator. S[d] meeting was adjourned unto Tuesday y[e] 30[th] of s[d] Nov[ber],: at Twelve of y[e] clock, and being met on s[d] day, adjourned again unto the next Day being ye first Day of December 1736 at Two of y[e] clock in the afternoon. And being met the following votes were passed.

		£	s	d
1.	To allow *Jo[s] Hastings for mending seats in y[e] Meeting House.	0	03	0
2.	To Sam[ll] Hathaway for spikes	0	02	6
3.	To Joseph Remington for Tending mason 2 daies	0	10	0
4.	To Isaac Remington masoning at y[e] school House	0	12	0
5.	To Tho: Shelden for plank & one logg	1	09	0
6.	To Dr Nathan[ll] Austin for plank	0	16	0
7.	To Tho: Granger for 500 of Bricks	0	12	6
8.	To Tho: Copley for plank	1	03	0
9.	To Samuel Granger y[e] 2[d] for carting Brick	0	05	0
10.	To Timothy Phelps for mending y[e] School House	0	06	0
11.	To W[m] Austin 10[s] p[r] Hundred for what plank he found			
12.	To Sam[ll] Kent y[e] 3[d] for Expenses of y[e] Select Men and Laying out Highwaies and 2 Loads of Clay	1	10	0
13.	To Cap[t] Winchel for six Days Service for y[e] Town	1	10	0
14.	To Lieu[t] Jonathan Sheldon one Day	0	05	0
15.	To W[m] King for five Days	1	05	0
16.	To Nathan[ll] Pumry for plank	0	10	0
17.	Voted, to Raise more than above in Town pay	70	00	0

*Joseph Hastings "entred his purpose of Marriage with Dorcas Smith, at Suffield Oct. 1[st]. 1726, and was married Nov. 10[th]. following." He was the founder of the Suffield family, and was an elder or exhorter in the "Separate" or "New Light" Movement in 1750, and was the organizer and Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Suffield in 1769. He was a son of Benjamin, and grandson of Deacon Thomas Hastings of Watertown, Mass.; was born at Northampton, Dec. 27, 1703, and died at Suffield, Nov. 4, 1785. His son John (by a second marriage) was his eminent successor in the Baptist ministry.

18. Also in money 45–00–0
19. Voted, y^e^ Reveren Mr Devotion for fall of money in Town pay 80–00–0
20. Voted, to Serj Jared Huxley for keeping Ishmael Negro for y^e^ time past 05–00–0
21. Voted, to Noah Smith constable for warning persons out of Town 00–18–0
22. Voted, to Jacob Adams for Boards 00–01–6
23. Voted, to Abram Burbank partly for wood and for Doing somthing about ye pound 00–09–6
24. Voted, more to Constable Smith for *pressing a Nurse for y^e^ Wife of Henry Blotchet 00–03–0
25. Granted to y^e^ Committee for Removing Incumbrances on Hiways 5^s^ p^r^ Day (viz)
    - To Dea: Remington for four Days 01–00–0
    - To John Trumble for four Days 01–00–0
    - To Cap^t^ Winchel for Eight Days 02–00–0
    - To Abraham Burbank for 8 Days 02–00–0

26. Voted, that what y^e^ Committee for Highways have received for Incumbrances be put into y^e^ Town Treasury.

27. Voted, that y^e^ price of Town pay be as followeth viz: Iron at Three pound five shillings p^r^ Hundred. Wheat at Ten Shillings p^r^ bushel. Rie at seven shillings p^r^ bushel. Indian Corn at 4 shillings p^r^ bushel. Barley at 6 shillings p^r^ bushel. Oats at Three shillings p^r^ bushel.—Flax Eighteen pence p^r^ pound.

28. Voted, that Joseph Remington, Cap^t^ Winchel, & Sam^ll^ Kent y^e^ 3^d^ be a Committee to Search y^e^ Records Relating to y^e^ High Way from Town to Feather Street by Benony Banes's, & to Lay out s^d^ way and make Return to y^e^ Town y^e^ next meeting.

29. Voted, William King make Inquiry In order to find out †Ishmael Negroes Master.

Joseph Remington, Moderatour.

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‡HIGHWAY OVER THE MOUNTAIN.

November in the year 1736, We the subscribers with the concurrence of the Selectmen of Suffield have Laid out a Highway of six Rods in breadth from the foot of the first Mountain or hill on the east side thereof, and from thence to the east side of Mount Mannatick.—The South Side of said Way is bounded at every turn or crook with good boundaries: being fixt by the point of the Needle and the chain as hereafter exprest and set forth: that is to say; It begins at a yeallowoak Tree mark, haveing Stones about the Root, and standing neer and on the North side of a little Brook, or Rivulet; where it comes out of the Mountain, said Tree being Reputed a bounder of Lieut Joseph Kings Land: from which tree said way

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* Forcing into service.

† "Ishmael" was probably a fugitive slave. The efforts to find his master were ineffectual. In 1744 the Proprietors gave him the use of a "small parcel of land" which he had already inclosed with fence, situated on the east side of the Springfield road. In 1752 the Town voted to give Ishmael twenty pounds.

‡ This Road was used until 1822, when the present one around the "Short" or "Coldspring" Mountain was laid out. See Town Rec. B. No. 2, p. 385.

Runs West five Degrees South: about Twenty Rods to a heap of stones: Thence West Nineteen Degrees, North Twelve Rods: To a Red oak tree markt with the Letter H. thus: With stones about the Root — Thence North Twenty-one Degrees: West Eleven Rod to a great yellowoak tree; Markt with the Letter H. thus = Thence North Twelve Degrees East — Sixty Two Rods to a Stadle Markt: and stones about the Root: Thence North seven Degrees East: Twenty Three Rods: to a small white oak, Markt with the Letter H thus: and standing on a small Ledge of Rocks: Thence North Forty Two Degrees West Twenty Three Rods; to a black oak markt with the Letter H. thus: Thence West Thirteen Degrees South: Twenty four Rods to a heap of stones: Then North Twenty five Degrees: West Twenty Rods to a heap of stones: Thence North four Degrees, West for forty Rods to a Walnutt Stadle, with stones about the Root: Thence West Twenty Eight Degrees North: Twenty Rods to a black oak tree markt: With the Letter H thus; Thence North Eight Degrees, West: Twenty one Rods: to a walnutt tree: With stones about the Root: Then North, Twenty four Degrees West, Twenty six Rods to a Walnutt tree markt and stones about the Root: Thence North Twenty Degrees West Eight Rods to Two Stadles a white oak and a black oak standing together: and stones about the Root: Thence West Eighteen Rods: to a yeallow oak tree markt: with stones about the Root, Thence West nine Degrees south to a tree markt: and stones about the Root: Then West fifteen Degrees south Eleven Rods: to a Walnutt tree with stones about the Root: Then West thirty three Degrees South, Twenty five Rods to a Walnut tree markt Thence south Thirty Degrees west: Nineteen Rods to a Walnut tree markt: ——— Then south, four Degrees West about Twenty Rods: to a walnut tree markt: — Then south thirty six Degrees West, Twenty nine Rods: to a Walnut tree markt, and stones about the Root: — Then West, Eight Degrees south, Twenty Two Rods to a heap of stones: by a wet miry place: Thence West Twenty Two Degrees, North Nineteen Rods to a Stadle markt: with stones about the Root: — Thence West ten Degrees North Twenty seven Rods to a Stake and stones neer Stratons house: Thence West sixteen Degrees North Twenty seven Rods to a yeallow oak tree markt with the Letter H thus: Thence West forty four North Twelve Rods: to a stadle markt and stones about the Root: —— Thence West thirty four Degrees North: Ninety one Rods: to a large white oak tree markt: standing on the West side of hill caled stony hill: — Thence West ten Degrees North: Thirty six Rods to a large white oak tree standing on the West side of a small run of water: said tree being markt and stones about the Root: — Thence West one Degree North: thirty six Rods to a pine tree markt: and stones att the Root: — Thence West six Degrees south: one hundred and thirty one Rods: to a pine stadle: markt: — Then west fifty one Degrees south: fifteen Rods to the Edge of a mirey marsh: ——— Thence west Twenty Two Rods to a stake: Thence North forty Eight Degrees West one hundred and ten Rods:* to a white oak tree markt: and stones about the Root: said tree standing neer the path as it now goes att the North East End of said Mannatuck: and on the East side thereof.

Joseph Winchel, William King.

The above Described highway allowed and approved of by the Town at a Legal Town meeting held by adjournment on the first Day of December, 1786.

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*The N. H. R. R. have closed this section, and opened a new road, south of it, to obviate two railroad crossings at grade.

A HIGHWAY FROM MATTHEW COPLEYS DOWN TO WINDSOR BOUNDS AT WILL : HAMLINS.

Then, we the Subscribers Laid out a Highway from the Northwest corner* of the Twenty acres of Land formerly Laid out to William Pearce, Now in possession of Samuel Hathaway: against which Corner we Laid said way Eight Rods in breadth westward of said corner· at the southeast corner of Matthew Copleys home Lot we Laid said way eight Rods and Eight feet in breath eastward of said corner = against the north corner of Samuel Smiths house We Laid said way Eight Rods and half in breadth: against the west corne^{r} of said Smiths house We Laid said way seven Rods and ten feet in breadth against the North corner of the Lot that was Nathaniel Cheneys we Laid said way Eight Rods and Two feet in breadth: against the North west corner of Samuel Copleys Lot we Laid way Eight Rods in breadth: and against the south west corner of said Lot we Laid said way Eight Rods and six feet in breadth: against the house of Ichabod Smith Jun^{r} We Laid said way Eight Rods and six feet in breadth: against the south east corner of Nathaniel pumrys home Lot: We Laid said way ten Rods in breadth: against Fosters Fillers Lot: We Laid way Eight Rods in breadth: against the south corner of fosters Devotion Lot: we Laid said way Eight Rods in breadth. —— Att the turn of the common Road in the Swampie or wet ground next the little plain We laid said way Eight Rods in breadth: Against the South east corner of peter Roes Land: We Laid said way nine Rod in breadth att the east end of William Hamblins Lot by the south bounds of Suffield Township Next to Windsor: We Laid said way Nine Rods in breath: said way being bounded with stones: att sundrey places above mentioned: and also between place and place above Described: setting forth the breadth of said way: there is also to be a conformable and proportionable breadth: agreeable to the several breadths above mentioned.

Joseph Winchel, William King, Sam^{ll} Kent. Selectmen.

In Town meeting Dec 1st, 1736, the above Described highway alow,d and approved of by a Clear Vote.

March the 14th 173$\frac{4}{5}$. At an Annaversary meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield quallified to vote in Town affairs, to make choice of Necessary Town officers for the year Ensuing and other concerns of a Publick nature.—Samuel Kent y^{e} 3^{d} was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

Select Men—Deacon Jo's Remington, Lie^{t}. Jonathan Shelden, Jacob Hatheway, Dudley Kent, Samuel Kent y^{e} 3^{d}.

Assessors—Leut. Jo's King, Ensign Sam^{ll} Kent, Noah Smith 1st.

Town Clerk—John Austin.

Constables—Ebenezer Smith, Jonath^{n} Remington.

Tything Men—Ebenezer King, Ens^{n} Josiah King, Joseph Harmon, Daniel Adams, Daniel Spencer, Ebenezer Southwell.

Fence Viewers—Ens^{n} Joshua Kendal, W^{m} Mather, Sam^{ll} Hatheway, Jonathan Rising, Nathan^{ll} Harmon. 1st., Noah Smith y^{e} 2^{d}.

Surveyors of Highways—Sam^{ll} Granger y^{e} 2nd, Thomas Shelden, Sam^{ll} Smith

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* Now owned by Geo. W. Cline. I find no other record of bounds of the old Windsor Road, formerly Christian Street, now called South Street.

y^e 2^d, Sam^ll. Harmon, John Norton, William Halladay, Jun^r, William King, and David Smith.

Land Measurer—Cap^t Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer—L^t Jos: King.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Josiah King.

Sealer of Leather—Noah Pumry.

Surveyor of Flax and Hemp—Ens^n Sam^ll Kent.

Voted, that William King be Impowered to Search for further evidence, and prosecute the matter in the Law to find out a Master for Ishmael Negro.

Voted, that Jared Huxley Sen^r take care of Ishmael Negro untill the trial be made by the Town to find out a Master for s^d Negro, and all at the cost of the Town.

Voted, that there be paid out of the Town Treasury to Jared Huxley Sen^r, five pounds in Town pay for the support of Ishmael Negro for the future.

Voted, that the Committees Time be further lengthened, Relating to the High way from High Street to Feather Street in the middle of the Town, and to bring in their Report at the next Town Meetin.

Whereas: Noah Smith y^e 1^st served as Constable, the year past alone,—Therefore: Voted, that the Sallery which hath been given to two Constables, that is to say: forty shillings for his service the year past, to be paid to the said Smith out of the Town Treasury.

Voted, That there be a Contribution for Matthew Towsley as soon as may be, and that the Select men Do see what said Towsley and his families circumstances are, and take care of him and his family, and what may be given, and also his estate in the most prudent way they can, both for s^d Towsley and the Town.

June y^e 20^th, 1737. Att a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield — Dea Joseph Rimington was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2^ly. Voted, also that Joseph Winchel should be Town Clerk * for the remaining part of the year.

3^ly. *Voted*, That swine should go at Large being well Ringed and yoaked as the Law Directs.

4^ly. Voted, That Samuel Smith y^e 2^nd should agree with Workmen to Do the Carpenter work of the County bridge over Stoney brook.

Also Voted, that the High way from Deep brook to Springfield Road Do Remain under its present circumstances untill further order.

Also by a clear vote the following petition of the several petitioners thereto subscribing, With Respect to Erecting a Ware: as in said petition is set forth was fully granted to the said petitioners.

We the subscribers being united into a Society for fishery:—Commit our petition to the Town of Suffield: assembled together to Consider the matter: for Liberty to Erect a small Dam of about Two feet high and Three or four Rods out into the River: above all the Common and Standing fishing places on the Upper Fals in said Suffield—June y^e 9^th. 1737. Subscribed to by

* John Austin son of Anthony 1st, was the second Town Clerk — served 22 years, and died May 18, 1737, in the 65th year of his age.

Dudley Kent. Joshua Kindol. John Halladay. Benajah Austin. Joseph Winchel. Benjamin Kent. Samuel Copley. John Roe. John Pengilly. John Burbank. John Towsley. William Mather. Robert Granger. Ebenezer King: William Halladay.

Att a Lawful Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield on The Seventeenth Day of October 1737: and continued by adjournment untill the third Tuesday of November Next following: att which meeting The following Votes were past.

1st. Joseph Winchel was chosen Moderator for Said Meeting.

2d. Also Voted to give Thirteen Shillings in Town pay per hundred for good Two inch plank to such persons as should provide the same: so far as shall be needed this present year to Repair the Town bridges.

3d. Granted to Ensign Samuel Kent four pound and six shillings in Town pay for providing a Dinner for the Raisers of the great bridge.

4th. Granted to John King Twenty four shilling in Town pay for three gallons of brandy Expended in Raising the great bridge.*

5th. Granted that Two galons of brandy may be Expended in Raising the bridge over Mudy brook commonly called Kelloggs bridge.†

6th. Also granted to the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Devotion one hundred pounds in Town pay in consideration of the fall of money.

7th. Also granted to William King Thirty six shillings in Town pay and fifteen shillings and Two pence in money for six Days Time and Expense about Ishmael Negro.

8th. Granted to Abraham Granger five shillings in Town pay for 5 trees to mend highways.

9th. Granted to Matthew Copley Junr, Eight shillings in Town pay for Eight trees used about the bridge.

10th. Granted to John Burbank for five Days and half framing the great bridge, forty nine shillings and six pence in Town pay.

More granted to John Burbank for Three Days and half spent about Raising the great bridge, *Sixteen* shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to George Norton Senr 4 shillings in Town pay for 4 trees.

Also granted to Jared Huxley Senr for 2 lode of poles in Town pay 3 shillings.

Also granted to John Hale in Town pay six shillings for Ten trees.

Also granted to Noah Smith the first: in Town pay for 3 lode of wood and 3 lode of stone all six shillings.

Also granted to Jacob Hathaway for 38 sticks of timber: in Town pay — Thirty shillings.

Granted to Edward Foster for seven Days work about the great bridge six shillings per Day — Two pounds and Two shillings.

Granted to Samuel Smith 2d for his Trouble as a Serveigher in building the great bridge 30 shillings in Town pay.

Also voted to give five shillings per hundred in Town pay for boards; and to bare the charge of so many as shall be necessarily used this year about finishing the great bridge.

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* See note, p. 159. Also since called Jackson and Sherman Bridge.

† Formerly Winchell's Bridge, see p. 71; latterly Grosvenor's Bridge.

Granted to Peter Roe Twelve shillings in Town pay for Eleven trees and a load of timber used about the great bridge.

Granted to Samuel Smith 2d, four shillings in Town pay for four Lode of timber used about ye bridge.

Granted to Leiuet Jonathan Sheldon, sixteen shillings in Town pay for Twenty Load of wood for Kellogs *Bridge.

Granted to Samuel Spencer Two shillings in Town pay for Two trees used about the bridge.

Also granted to Edward Devotion forty shillings in Town pay: for house Room for Goodman Segar and his family for some time past: and untill the next Annaversary Town meeting in March.

Voted, also that for paying of Town Debts the price of Indian corn: this year shall be six shillings per bushel —— and the price of oats three shillings and six pence per bushel: and the price of Iron three pd and Ten shillings per hundred:

Also Joseph King 2d for nine hundred feet of plank for the great bridge: in Town pay five pounds and seventeen shillings.

Also voted, to Raise seventy pounds in money to pay Town Debts and to Defray Necessary charges that may Ensue.

Also voted, to Raise one hundred and ninety pounds in Town pay for the paying The Towns Debt.

Also *voted* to give Noah Smith the 1st, — Late Constable, — the one half of Ebenezer Burlleson's Rates: committed to him to colect: that is to say, Twelve shillings and six pence in Town pay.

Att an Annaversary Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield in order to chuse Town officers; to order the prudential affairs of said Town and other things of General concernment: March ye 13th. 173⅞.

First, Serj Dudley Kent was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

2d. And then the following choice was made and votes past.

Select Men—Joseph Remington, Samuel Kent, 3d, Joseph Winchel, Jonathan Sheldon, † Samuel Hathaway.

Town Clerk—Joseph Winchel.

Assessors—Joseph King, Samuel Kent 3d. Joseph Winchel.

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*Muddy Brook bridge, on the West Suffield road. At this time Martin Kellogg's house was upon the hill, north side a little west from the bridge.

† Shadrach, Jacob, and Samuel Hathaway (probably brothers) were the first of the name in Suffield. This surname is rarely met with in the early New England records, and its genealogy is at the present time obscure.

Shadrach mar. Deborah, dau. of John Kent of Suffield Apr. 25, 1717. He died leaving two sons, Shadrach and Simeon. *Jacob* mar. Deborah, the widow of Shadrach — Feb. 15, 1722. Jacob d. Nov. 14, 1774. The Boston Neck family are his descendants, Milton Hathaway now in his 89th year, is a gr.-grandson. *Samuel*, mar. Sarah the dau. of Peter Rowe of Suffield, May 28, 1719. Seven children are recorded to them. A son, and gr.-son, each named Asahel, were graduates of Yale College. He was a man of much enterprise, and was engaged in establishing "Iron Works" at Suffield in 1721, at Willimantic in 172⅝, and at New Milford in 1732. He d. April 14, 1765, leaving an estate valued at £1772: 0s: 8d His one-half of the "Middle Iron Works" was appraised at £100. (See note, p. 152).

Tything Men—Nathaniel Harmon 1st, Jonathan Remington, Junr, William Mather, Ebenezer Burbank, Jonathan Smith, Ichabod Smith junr.

Sealer of Leather—Noah Pumry.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures—Asaph Leavit.

Surveyors of highways—Samuel Smith 2d, James Barllow, Jacob Hathaway, Joseph Harmon, John Burbank, Noah Smith 1st, Samuel Rimington 2d, Daniel Adams.

Constables—Thomas Granger, Ebenezer Smith.

Town Treasurer—Joseph King.

Fence Viewers—Joshua Kindol, Benjamin Rimington, Samuel Kent 2d, Nathaniel Harmon, Benaiah Austin, Thomas Spencer, Nathanel Wooster, Jonathan Sikes.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Hogg reives—Nathanel Smith, John Rising.

Also voted and granted to Samuel Kent 3d, Twenty shillings in Town pay more than was formerly alowed, for his providing a Dinner for the Raisers of the great bridge over Stoney River.

Also granted to Samuel Kent 3d: five shillings in Town pay for a Load of wood: carried to Joseph Segar.

Also granted to John Pengilley, Twelve shillings in Town pay for some Trouble he was att about Ishmael Negro.

Also granted to Dea Joseph Rimington for three peks of corn to Segar, four shillings and six pence Town pay.

Also granted to Jacob Adams for setting up a signe post: Eight shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to Thomas Sheldon for half a bushel of corn to Segar and some other service for the Town: five shillings and eight pence in Town pay.

Also granted to Moses Kent for the use of his Cart, three shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to John Old: Eighteen shillings in Town pay for Eighteen Load of wood: use about the bridge.

Also granted to * Timothy Phelps, two shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to Noah Smith the first: five shillings in town pay; for a Lode of Wood carried to Segar.

Also granted to Noah Smith 2d: Eight shillings in Town pay: for half a bushel of corn: and one Lode of wood to Goodman Segar.

Also granted to Leiut Joseph King three pounds in Town pay: for this year: for his serving the Town as a Treasurer.

Also granted to Dudley Kent: for three peks of corn to Segar: in Town pay four shillings and six pence.

Also granted to Jared Huxley for his care and Trouble about Ishmeal Negro, in Town pay forty shillings.

Also granted to John Warner in Town pay Two pounds Two shillings & six pence *Town pay.*

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* Timothy Phelps, son and grand son of the Nathaniels' of Northampton, and gt. gr. son of William of Windsor, founded a family here in 1726. His son Aaron was Adjutant, and his son Timothy was Qr. Master, in General Lyman's Regt., in the last French War. Timothy died in the service in 1758, unmarried. Aaron was afterward a deacon, and died June 24th, 1804. His sons, Capt. Timothy and Capt. Seth, were prominent citizens.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the freeholders of Suffield. May y^e^ 8^d^, 1788.

first, Joseph Winchel was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.

Secondly: For as much as Thomas Granger: together with some others proposed in said meeting for a highway on the hill that Lyeth west of the house of Benjamin Allen 2^d^: *therefore Voted:* that Joseph Winchel: and William King be a committee (att the charge of such as Improve them) to view the Land where the said way is Desired to be Laid out: and that they consider the circumstances thereof: and Make Report to the Town at their next meeting.

3^dly^. Also voted in s^d^ meeting: that Whereas Nathanel Norton and Sundrey of the Neighborhood att Rattlesnake Plain Did Request that a *highway might be Laid out att the South end of the Great Marsh: to extend to the Mountain: Therefore the above Named Joseph Winchel and William King: were also appointed: att the charge of such as Improve them: to view that place likewise and the circumstances thereof: and make report thereof to the Town att their Next meeting.

4^th^. *Also voted* to make a further Tryal: in order to find out the master of Ishmeal Negro: on the Towns Charge.

5^th^. Also voted that William King: who was Lately chosen to Endavour to find out the master of Ishmeal Negro: Do make some further tryal in order thereto.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield December the first 1788.

1^st^. By a Clear vote John Pengilley was chosen Moderator for to manage s^d^ meeting.

2^dly^. Voted and granted, to Serj William King for Two Days perambulating with Springfield: and Westfield: seven shillings per Day in Town pay.

3^dly^. Granted to Joseph Winchel for perambulating with Springfield and Westfield: Two Days: in Town pay: fourteen shillings.

4^th^. Granted to Samuel Hathaway for one Day perambulating with Springfield and some other service,—In Town pay sixteen shillings.

5^thly^. Granted to Dudley Rimington in Town pay three shillings: for timber To mend highways.

6^thly^. Granted to Joseph Harmon Two shillings in Town pay for Timber to mend highways.

7^thly^. Granted to Joseph King Jun^r^ four shillings in Town pay: for four sticks of Timber to mend highways.

8^thly^. Granted to Jacob Hathaway for plank: in Town pay fourteen shillings.

9^thly^. Granted to Ebenezer Smith Constable, seven shillings in Town pay for warning Sundrey persons out of Town.

10^th^. Granted to Lieut Joseph King for his Time and Expence: after Phillip Commins sixteen shillings in money: and sixteen shillings in Town pay.

11^thly^. Granted also to Lieut Joseph King: four shillings in Town pay which he paid to Joseph Hastins: for work s^d^ Hastins Did about the meeting-house, provided it do not appear said Hastins had his money some other way.

12^th^. Granted to Doc Nathanel Austin Two shillings in Town pay: for timber to mend the highways.

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*See Town vote of 1789, ordering it to be laid. It was laid out in 1764.

13th. *Voted*, that the select men may alow Richard Austin What he may Reasonably Demand in Town pay: for what he hath Don: and is speedyly to Do about Repairing the Meeting-house and School-house.

14th. *Granted*, to the Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Devotion one hundred pounds in Town pay this year over and above his stated salary: in consideration of the fall of money:* and for his further Incouragement in the work of the ministry.

15thly. Voted, that the price of Wheat this year for the paying of Town Debts shall be eleven shillings.

16th. *Voted*, that the price of Rye this year for the paying of Town Debts: shall be seven shillings and six pence.

17th. *Voted*, the price of Indian Corn for the paying of Town Debts This year shall be five shillings and six pence.

18th. *Voted*, and granted to William Austin for Two sticks of Timber, Two shillings in Town pay.

19th. Lieut Jonathan Sheldon and Noah Smith the first: were chosen to view the †Highway that Leads to Tainters hill by Ebenezer Smiths, and that they make Report how they find it: att the Next March meeting.

20th. Voted to Raise sixty five pounds in Town pay: to Defray Town Charges.

21. *Also voted* to Raise Eighty five pounds in money: for the Defraying Town Charge.

22. *Also voted* to abate Samuel Stockwels Rate: to Jonathan Rimington Late Constable provided said Rimington take the first opportunity he has to colect the same of said Stockwel: and Do alow the Town the benefitt therof.

23. Also voted, to abate ‡Mr John Woodbridge the sum assesed on his pole the Last year, viz. 1737.

‖MEETING HOUSE.

24. Voted also, to build a new Meeting-house for the Worship of God, sixty eight feet in Length: and forty six feet in breadth.

25. Voted also to build a belfree to sd house, and also that the timber of said house be brought neer to where the Meeting house Now Stands.

26. *Also* voted, to chuse a Committee of five men to carry on that affair as to building a New Meeting-house: and accordingly, Ensign Samuel Kent: William King: Leiut Jonathan Sheldon, Ensigne Asaph Leavit, and John Pengilley, were chosen a Committee to pursue that matter with Respect to building said Meeting-house.

27. *Also voted*, to Raise three hundred pounds in Town pay to be Improved Toward the building a New Meeting-house.

28. Also in said meeting Joseph Winchel and John Pengilley: Were made choice of To Endevour the obtaining of some evidence of our Westfield Neighbors under oath: as to the South West corner of Springfield Township.

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*See foot-note, page 235.

†See town vote, May 31, 1739.

‡He was the son of Rev. John Woodbridge of West Springfield, was graduated at Yale in 1732, preached at Poquonoc in Windsor 1731–36, married Tryphena, dau. of Rev. Benj. Ruggles of Suffield, in 1739; and was the settled minister at South Hadley from 1742 until his death, Sept. 10th, 1788.

‖By this vote the majority designed to prevent the division of the town into two ecclesiastical societies.

29. *Also* Voted, to Raise Ten Pounds in Town pay to be Improved toward the Instructing Children in Reading in the West part of the Town.

30. Also in said meeting Serj William King, and Ensign Samuel Kent were chosen to view the highway that Runs through Ebenezer Nash; his home lot: to the Grismill, and that they make Report: att the next March meeting.

31. Also Joseph Winchel, and William King were chosen to find out on what terms Land may be had to accommodate a Highway: from the East side of the great Marsh to the Mountain: and that they make Report: att the next March Meeting.

Att a Lawfull Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield December y^{e} 14th, 1738.

First, William King was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Secondly, It was proposed to the Town whether they would sett off the West part of the Town into a Seperate and Distinct Society: and the vote pass'd in the Negative.

Thirdly, it was proposed to the Town whether they would Reconsider all or any of the Votes; that were passt on the first Day of December Currant, so far as any of them have a Relation to the building of a New Meeting-house: and the vote past in the Negative.

Att an Annaversary Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield March y^{e} 12th, 1739. In order to chuse Town Oficers to order the prudential affairs of the Town as the Law Directs. And also to act what further might be thought Needfull and Necessary to be Don with Respect to Sundry perticulars of Public Concernment to the Town, and accordingly choice was made and votes were past as followeth:

Imprimis — John Pengilley was chosen Moderator for s^{d} meeting.

Select Men — William King, Joseph King, Jonathan Sheldon, Dea. Joseph Rimington, Samuel Hathaway.

Town Clerk — Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer — Joseph King.

Fence viewers — Jonathan Rising, Noah Pumry, Jacob Adams, Posthumas Sikes, Medad Pumry, John Warner Jun^{r}.

Assessors — Joseph Winchel, Joseph King, Samuel Kent 3^{d}.

Sizer & Sealer of Weights & Measures — Asaph Leavit.

Surveighers of highways — Samuel Granger 2^{d}. Nathanel Wooster, Benajah Austin, John Rising, Joseph Fuller, Ebenezer Trumble, Nathanel Harmon 1st, William Halladay 2^{d}.

Land measurer — Joseph Winchel.

Surveighers of Shingles — Joseph King 1st.

Constables — John King, Daniel Spencer.

Hoggreives — Joseph Hastins, Isaac Rimington.

1st. Also voted, and granted to Edward Devotion for house room for Goodman Segar and his family the year past, Two pounds and five shillings in Town pay.

2d. Also granted to Ebenezer Smith Six Shillings for Warning persons out of Town.

3d. Also granted to Joseph Winchel five shillings in Town pay for a Lode of wood to Joseph Segar.

4. Also granted to Joseph Winchel Eighteen shillings & three pence in money: which he expended in answering a complaint att Boston.

5. Also voted, to Impower the Select men for the Time being yearly before the Town meeting for passing bills: to reckon with the Town Treasurer that so the town may be informed: att said meeting as to the state of the Treasury.

6. *Also voted*, to Impower the Select men for the time being to give out orders to the Town Treasurer: to dispose of the Towns money in the Treasury for the paying of such Town Debts: as the Town have past and allowed.

7. Also voted, that there be a *Highway Laid out Two Rods wide from the east side of the mountain beginning att the foot thereof: thence eastward to the south end of the great marsh: and so to the highway by †Thomas Feelands: provided the Land of perticular persons: which it may take can be had for three pounds and Ten shillings per acre in Town pay, and so proportionably for more or Less quantity.

8. Also voted, that the price of Indian corn this year, for the paying of Town Debts shall be six shillings: excepting only the minister: he to have it att five shillings and six pence per bushel.

9. Voted, that the price of Rye for the paying of Town Debts this year shall be eight shillings: per bushel.

10. *Voted*, that the price of Wheat this year: for the paying of Town Debts shall be eleven shillings per bushel.

11. *Voted*, that the price of oats this year for paying Town Debts shall be four shillings per bushel.

12. Also voted, to Leave it with the Select Men for the time being: for five years next coming to allow such persons as keep buls for the Towns use so much as they shall Judge Reasonable Not exceeding forty shillings per bull a year. Provided also, that no man be allowed for more than one bull: and not for any that are work[t] in the yoak.

13. Further voted, that the Committee chosen to build the meeting house shall have Liberty To Draw out of the Treasury: what they shall need or have occasion for: to procure covering for the Meeting-house Lately voted to be built.

14. Also voted that Leiu[t] Joseph King be a Colector to Colect the Three hundred pounds in Town pay Lately voted to be Raised and Improved towards building a new Meeting House.

Att a Legal meeting of the frecholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield: Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings; on the twenty-first

*This road was laid out in 1764, 133 R. long and 2 R. wide. The west portion is seldom used, and little known. See T. Rec. Book No. 2, p. 117.

†Thomas Feeland, (Pheland, Phelon,) was the founder of this family in Suffield about the year 1733. His dwelling-house, lately occupied by his maiden descendants, Cynthia and Mary (Polly) Phelon, is yet standing at the upper end of Ratley street, in West Suffield. He d. Nov. 17, 1769. His origin is unknown. Joseph Pheland, his adopted son, and progenitor of all who bear the name here, was born Dec. 1, 1733.

Day of May 1739: and continued by adjournment untill the twenty-second day of said month, att which meeting sundrey Votes were past, Which were as followeth: (viz.:)

First. Joseph King was chosen Moderator to order s[d] meeting.

Secondly. *Voted* to give Jared Huxley Ten pounds in Town pay for his keeping Ishmeal Negro for the Time past: and untill the time of the sitting of the Inferiour Court *att Springfield in August* Next, provided: said Huxley Do acquitt the Town from all charge in Time past, or That may arise by means of keeping said Ishmeal Negro untill said August Court.

Thirdly. *Voted* to Leave it with the Select men to provide a house for Goodman Segar and his family to live in.

Fourthly. *Voted* that* Ruben Harmon be Discharged the Whole of his Rates: Which he was assessed att the year past: and that the Town Treasurer Do Discount the same with the Constable who was to Collect the same.

Fifthly. *Voted* that the Select men Do have a good Drum† to be beat upon Sabbath Days: att Seasonable hourcs: for the orderly calling of the Assembly Together for the Publick Worship: the Remaining part of the year.

Sixthly. *Voted:* that the‡ Highway That Leads to Stony Brook by Ebenezer Smiths house shall be continued Where it was formely Laid out and Recorded and be Improved accordingly: as soon as the present crop That is growing thereon be taken off.

Test Joseph King Moderator.

Att a Legal Town Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield, Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings: as the Law Directs June y[e] 11[th] 1739.

First. Lieut Joseph King was chosen Moderator to order said meeting.

Secondly. Joseph King Gent[m], was chosen an agent in behalf of the Town of Suffield to make answer to a § Petition Exhibited to the General Court: now sitting at Boston: by the Inhabitants of the West part of said Town: praying to be Set off into a Distinct and Seperate Society by themselves: and said King to shew Reasons‖ Why: they ought not: to be soe Set off.

Thirdly. *Voted* that Cap[t]. Joseph Winchel: Mr William King: and Mr John Pengilley: be a committee to Draw up such answers to the Petition of the

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* Reuben Harmon removed early to Rupert, Vermont, and was a delegate to the famous Vermont Convention at Dorset in 1776. His son, Reuben Harmon Jr., acquired distinction as having the exclusive right of making Vermont copper coin, the weight and devices being regulated by the State. The coinage ceased in 1788. The amount coined and put in circulation is wholly unknown. These "*Auctori Vermon*" pennies were common fifty years ago, but are now rare, and quite valuable to coin collectors.

†A red flag was ordered in 1685, and a drum in 1710 for a like purpose. The first bell was bought in 1761.

‡This road from the Kent Corners toward Taintor Hill was laid out in 1701, with bounds ill defined. John Kent Jr. lived where Julius Harmon's heirs now live. See p. 140.

§This Petition was in May, 1739. The Court deferred a decision, and recommended an arrangement by a committee chosen by mutual agreement of both parties. This was done, and the decision of the committee was ratified by the General Court Jan. 1, 17⅓.

‖See Appendix B.

West part of the Town as they shall Judge proper, to Instruct their agent in his Negosiating the affair Respecting the said Petition before the General Assembly.

Also Voted that the said Committee Do procure a plan of the Town for their agent: to Lay before the General Assembly: to Lead them into a Right understanding: of the circumstances of the Town: or to take such other measures: as they shall think Needfull thereabout.

Joseph King Moderator.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield November y^{e} 5th 1789.

First. Mr Samuel Kent 3^{d} Was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

Secondly: It was proposed to the Town whether they would pay what Reasonable charge the Westward part of the town have been att in petitioning the General Court att Boston to be set off into a separate Society: in case the said Westward part Will Joyn with the Rest of the Town in chusing a committee to Detimine the Controversey: and abide their Detirmination: and the Vote past in the Negative.

Then said meeting was adjourned to the 12th Day of said November and then being met:

First: Voted to Reconsider the above 3^{d} Vote Relating to the Charge which the Westward part of the Town have ben att in attempting to be sett of into a Seperate Society.

Next Voted, that the petitioners of the Westward part of the Town be paid out of the Town Treasury: what Reasonable charge they have been att in petitioning to be set off into a Seperate Society: provided they: Joyn with us in Chusing a Committee to Detirmine the Controversey and Do peacably Sit Down by the Committees Detirmination and said Committee to Detirmine what their Reasonable charge is.

Also Voted, to Joyn with the Petitioners: in chusing a Committee to Detirmin whether it be meet and convenent under our present circumstances that the West part of the Town be set off into a Seperate Society by themselves or not: and if the Committee Judge it meet to set them off: then also to Detirmin the bounds.

Also Voted, that James Wadsworth Esq^{r} of Durham, Eleizer Porter Esq^{r}, and Cap^{t} Nathanel Colman be a * Committee to Detirmine the afore 3^{d} controversie.

Also Voted, that Leiut. Joseph King: M^{r} William King: and Ensigne Samuel Kent be a Committee to Joyne with the petitioners: in Improveing said Committee: or in Chuseing any other persons for a Committee: in case of the failler of any one, of the afore said Committee: or any objections against any of the said Committee by the Petitioners.†

It was also proposed to the Town in said meeting whether they would set off the Westward part of the Town into a Distinct and Seperate Society: and the Vote past in the Negative.

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* They were not accepted by the Petitioners.

† See Appendix C.

It was also proposed Whether they would set the New Meeting House. Which the Town is about to build: about Twenty Rods to the northward* from the North west corner of Thomas Sheldons home lot where he now Dwells: and the Vote past in the Negative.

It was voted that Leiu^{t} Jonathan Sheldon: Noah Smith 2nd, and Samuel Kent 2^{d}, should be a committee to Dispose of the Ten pounds in Town pay, lately granted by the Town for the Instructing children in Reading, in the westward part of the Town: soe as may best answer the End proposed.

Also voted, and granted to Richard Austin in Town pay for mending the Meeting:House ——— ——— £00–05–06

Also granted to Jonathan Sheldon for the use of 2 bulls in Town pay ——— ——— 02–00–00

Also granted to Abraham Burbank for mending the pound in Town pay ——— ——— 00–06–00

Also granted to William Spencer 2^{d} for mending the meeting house in Town pay ——— ——— 00–05–00

Also granted to Victory Sikes in Town pay for Eight Lode of wood to mend Highways ——— ——— 00–08–00

Also granted to Benjamin Kent in Town pay for entertaining Mr † Roger Newbury: and such others as assisted him about a plan —— 02–00–09

Also granted to John Pengilly in Town pay for time spent about a plan ——— ——— 00–06–00

Also granted to Joseph Harmon Jun^{r} in Town pay for 6 Days Caring the chain after Mr Newbury ——— ——— 01–16–00

Also granted to Joseph Winchel three pounds in bills of Creditt for that He paid M^{r} Newbury, 3 pounds towards a plan.‡ —— 03–00–00

Also granted to Joseph Winchel in Town pay for himself and son for 7 Days each about the plan. 04–04–00

Also granted to Joseph Winchel for Laying out a High Way att the Great Marsh in Town pay: 05–08–00

Also granted to the Reverend M^{r} Devotion in Town pay over and above his stated sallary in consideration of the fale of money and for his further Incouragement in the work of the Ministrey —— 130–00–00

Also granted to Joseph Leavit in Town pay for nails ——— 00–01–00

Voted in said meeting that the price of Wheat this year for paying Town Debts shall be Eleven shillings per bushel: 00–11–00

Also voted that the price of Rey this year for paying Town Debts shall be eight shillings per bushel ——— ——— 00–08–00

Also Voted that the price of Indian Corn for this year: for paying Town Debts shall be six shillings per bushel: 00–06–00

Also voted that the price of oats this year for paying Town Debts shall be four shillings per bushel: 00–04–00

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* On Old street, now the Hastings Hill road.

† He was a County Surveyor from Windsor, Ct. He d. in the Cuba Expedition, A. D. 1740. See Stiles' History of Windsor.

‡ This plan, or map proved an expensive affair. No trace of it can be found.

Voted, that the price of Iron this year for paying Town Debts shall three pounds and fifteen shillings per hundred ——— 03-15-00

Also voted that the price of flax this year for paying Town Debts: shall be eighteen pence per pound. ——— ——— 00-01-06

Also voted to Raise Two hundred and Thirty pounds in Town pay this year for the paying Town Debts ——— ——— 230-00-00

Also voted to Raise one hundred and Twenty pounds in mony this year for the paying Town Debts and Defraying the Necessary Charge that hath or may arise. ——— ——— 120-00-00

Also granted to John Hanchet 2d for wood to Segar in Town pay — 00-06-00

Granted to Daniel Spencer in Town pay for warning persons out of Town. ——— ——— 00-06-00

Also granted to Jacob Hathaway after the Rate of Three pounds and Ten shillings per acre in bills of Credit according to the old Tenour, for what Land of his the Highway which Leads from the Great Marsh to the Mountain Takes, be it more or Less.

Also voted, that Samuel Hathaway and Joseph Harmon should be a committee to view the Highway that Runs through Ebenezer Smiths Land near his house: and make their Report to the Town att their next meeting as to their opinion thereabout.

Att a Legal meeting of the frecholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Suffield: Feabruary y^{e} 6th. 17$\frac{4}{5}$.

1st *First.* L^{t} Joseph King was chosen moderator for s^{d} meeting.

2^{d} *Secondly.* *Voted* that the Committee Lately chosen to build a new Meeting House be also a committee to allow such persons as have provided Timber and other matterials in order to build said house their Reasonable Demands Therefor: and that they bring in to the Town an account thereof att their Next meeting in March.

3 *Thirdly.* Granted to John Warner for pork and milk and six lode of wood to Joseph Segar in Town pay, all forty three shillings & six pence.

4. *Granted* to Thomas Sheldon in Town pay for ointment for Segar one shilling.

5. *Granted* to: Thomas Copley in Town pay for the use of his bull: thirty shillings: provided he Discharge particular persons as to their use thereof.

Granted to Noah Smith y^{e} first for plank in Town pay three shillings.

Granted to Daniel Adames for a lode of wood to Segar in Town pay six shillings.

Granted to Posthumus Sikes in Town pay for a lode of wood to Segar six shillings.

Granted to L^{t} Joseph King for one lode of wood to Segar in Town pay six shillings.

Granted to Joseph Winchel in Town pay for wood to Segar one Load six shillings.

Granted to L^{t} Joseph King fourteen pounds in money: for a like sum paid by him for the Town to the Referees.

Granted to Timothy Burbank in Town pay for goeing to Westfield for a bone setter for Joseph Segar eight shillings.

Granted to Samuel Smith for Two lode of wood to Segar in Town pay Twelve shillings.

Granted to Timothy Burbanke Twenty three shillings and six pence in money: for a like sum expended by him about Goodman Segars Legg.

Granted to L^{t} Joseph King six pounds and eleven shillings for a like sume paid by him: to Benjamin Kent for Entertaining the Committee appointed to Detirmine the Controversy with Respect to the setting off the West part of the Town into a seperate Society.

Granted to William King four pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence money for a like sum together with expenses paid to Mr Newbury and Cap^{t} William Pynchon Jun^{r}: all of which being with Relation to makeing a plan.

Granted to William King in Town pay four pounds eleven shillings and six pence: for sundrey Days spent with Relation to making a plan: and waighting on the Committee,* namely: Colonel Stoddard: Cap^{t} William Pynchon jun^{r} and Mr Pitkin: and one load of wood to Goodman Segar and his horse one Day to Springfield: and some other expenses.

Granted to Daniel Hulbard for Two Joyrnies to Hartford in order to obtain a Committee together with his expenses: Thirteen shillings and nine pence, in money: and twenty shillings in Town Pay.

Also voted to adjourn said meeting to the Tenth Day of March Next att nine of the clock in the forenoon: — Att which Time being met said meeting was by a clear vote adjourned to the Next Freeholders meeting that will be in May next to chuse a Representative.

Att a Lawful Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May y^{e} 19th. 1740: held by adjournment: Lt Joseph King being Moderator of said meeting.

Voted, that the Timber Lately provided in order to build a new Meeting House shall be fully and wholley to the use and Dispose of the East Precinct in Suffield, provided they bare the whole charge and cost that hath arisen in providing the same.

Att an Annaversary Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Qualyfyed to vote in Town Meeting: in order to chuse Town officers to order to manage the prudential affairs of the Town and matters of General Concernment as the Law Directs: as also to act and vote what furthe^{r} may be thought proper and Necessary: March y^{e} Tenth 17$\frac{4}{0}$. Which choice and votes are as followeth —

Select men — Lt. Jonathan Sheldon, Dea. Joseph Rimington, Ens. Samuel Kent, Dudley Kent, Joseph Harmon.

Town Clerk — Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer — Ens. Josiah King.

Constable — Benjamin Kent.

Sealer of Leather — Noah Pumroy.

Assessors — Samuel Kent 3^{d}, Noah Smith 1st, Dudley Kent.

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* For the acts of this Committee, see Appendix D.

Tything men — John Hanchet 2d, Jonathan Rimington Junr, Samuel Harmon, John Old, Robert Granger, Thomas Copley.

Seizer and Sealer of Weights and measures — Ens. Asaph Leavit.

Land measurer — Joseph Winchel.

Fence Viewers — Ebenezer Noble, Richard Mather, Samuel Kent 2d, Noah Smith 2d, Nathanel Warner, John King.

Serveighers of highways — Edward Foster, Joshua Kindol, John Granger, Jacob Adames, Ebenezer Southwel, Timothy Phelps, George Norton Junr, Aaron Rising.

To prosecute such persons as Transgress by killing Deer Contrary to the* Law — Jacob Hathaway, William King.

Hog-reves — Ebenezer Harmon, Benjamin Allien 2d.

In said meeting also voted and granted to Lt Joseph King for spikes, in Town pay three shillings.

Also granted to Samuel Kent 3d six shillings in Town pay: for a like sum Which he paid for the Town to Noah Pumroy.

Also granted to Dea Joseph Rimington in town pay for seven pound and three ounces of pork to Goodman Segar, Eight Shillings and four pence.

Also granted to Ensi Josiah King in Town pay for one Load of wood to Segar, Six shillings.

Also granted to Joseph Winchel Six shillings in Town pay for one Load of wood to Joseph Segar.

Also granted to Ebenezer Smith Nineteen shillings and Two pence in money for sundreys to Goodman Segar, viz: half an ounce of blistering salve & half an ounce of Lickrish, & half an ounce of annice seede: and half an ounce of genshon: and an ounce of Metradate, and half an ounce of manna: and five grains of Rubub: and half an ounce of Cinemon: and an ounce of Metradate: and an ounce of Dias Cordum: and a Gallapot.

Also granted to Capt Josiah Sheldon for Two ounces and six peny worth of Salamonick to Goodman Segar: Twelve shillings and six pence.

Also granted to Benjamin Kent for a pint of Rum: a gallon of brandy: and a lode of wood to Goodman Segar: seventeen shillings and eight pence.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield March ye 31st: 1740.

1st. Lt Joseph King was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

2dly. Lt Jonathan Sheldon, Joseph King and Joseph Winchel: were chosen a Committee to Lease out the School Lot: on such tirms: and on such conditions as they shall think best: and most for the Towns Interest for the use of the school: provided they Do not Exceed the tirm of five years.

3d. *Also voted* that Ens Samuel Kent Do upon the Towns Charge procure a grave cloth for the Towns use upon funeral occasions.

4ly. *Also Voted* that the Town Treasurer Do Discount the full and the whole of John Tousleys Rates Committed to Thomas Granger Late Constable to Colect.

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*The Province Law of $17\frac{12}{15}$ made the penalty for killing deer between the 10th day of December and the 1st day of August, ten pounds, or imprisonment thirty days.

5thly. *Also Voted* thatt that vote of the Town Lately past: which Did appropriate The Town Bank Interest money to building a New Meeting House: be utterly Void and of none Effect.

6ly. Also Abraham Burbank and Samuel Rimington were chosen to prosecute such person: and persons: as shall presume to Kill Deer Contrary to the Law of this Province.

7ly. *Also* Dea. Joseph Rimington, Jonathan Sheldon, Samuel Kent 3d, were chosen to Reckon with the old Treasurer.

Att a legal Town-meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May the 19th. 1740:

1st. Dea. Joseph Rimington was chosen Moderator to manage sd meeting.

2ly. *Voted* to pay to the West Society out of the Town Treasury: so much money as the Reffarees Did order when they were att Suffield: about setting off Said Society.*

3ly. *Voted* to move the school into the West Society such a proportion of time This year Insueing: as may correspond with what they pay to the School Rate.

4ly. Also Voted that Joseph Winchel, Noah Smith 2d, and Joseph Fuller: be a Committee To view such highways as Run through mens Lands and that they Estemate The Damage: and that they make Report thereof to the Town att their Next meeting.

5ly. *Also Voted* and granted to such persons as shall Erect a †Cart bridge over Stony Brook: Neer the Land of Dea. Joseph Rimington Where he now Dwells: Three pounds in Town pay: to Encourage such as shall undertake it to be speedy therein.

6ly. *Also granted* to Lt. Joseph King Eighteen pounds Ten shillings and Two pence in money to Defray the Charge and Expence he was att by means of his agency att Boston in the Towns behalf.

7ly. *Also granted* to Lt Joseph King Forty shillings in money: for a like sum paid by him in the Towns behalf to Mr Cattling.

8ly. *Also granted* to Lt Joseph King Seven shillings per Day in Town pay for nineteen Days spent in the Towns service when sent as an agent to Boston.

9ly. *Also granted* to Aaron Hitchcock‡ Seventeen shillings and six pence in Town pay for sundreys — Viz: his bottoming a chair for the school house and making a coffin for Goodman Segar: and mending the School house.

10ly. *Also* granted to Ebenezer Smith Twenty shillings and Ten pence in money for Druggs to Goodman Segar in his Sickness.

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*See Appendix D.

†There was a ford on the old Northampton Path, before the town was settled, at the place, known since 1740, as the Remington Street Bridge.

‡Capt. Aaron Hitchcock of Springfield, and Experience Kent of Suffield, dau. of John Kent, were married Sept. 18, 1739. He was a carpenter, and settled here about that time. For half a century he was a leading man in the town. He was the town clerk thirteen years, and town treasurer twenty-five years. He commanded a company in Gen'l Lyman's regiment in the French War, in the years 1756, '57, and 1760. He kept a tavern for a long period, on the Ruggles' Minister Lot, High street. (See p. 100.) He died Sept. 25, 1808, aged 93 years.

11ly. Also granted to Benjamin Kent for sundreys to Goodman Segar in his sickness Thirty three shillings and six pence money. £01–13–6.

Also granted to Nathanel Warner in Town pay for Two lode of wood to Joseph Segar Twelve shillings. 00–12–00.

12ly. *Also granted* to Dudley Kent Six shillings in Town pay for one Load of wood to Goodman Segar. 00–16–00.

13. Also Ensigne Samuel Kent was chosen to go to Hartford Court or Assembly to make Inquirey to find out if their be any probability or Likelyhood that the Dividing line between the Governments of Massachusets and Connectticut according as they have Lately settled the same: Will ever be soe altred if means be used: as to bring Suffield under subjection and obedience to Connectticut: Enjoy the privilidges of that Government: & pay our Countrey Taxes there.

Att a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Novcmber the 25th. 1740.

1. *first.* Ensign Samuel Kent was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2. *Also* Voted and granted to William Allien in Town pay: Twelve Shillings per week for keeping and bording *Thomas Taylor Twenty one weeks Last past.

Also voted and granted to the several persons hereafter Named: the several sums affixt to their Names: for like sums paid by them to William Allien in the Towns behalf: for his keeping and supporting Thomas Taylor Viz:

3. *To* Dea. Joseph Rimington in Town pay Two shillings and eleven pence.

4. *To* Ensign Samuel Kent in Town pay three shillings and six pence.

5. *To* Benjamin Kent in Town pay five shillings.

6. *To* David Smith in Town pay Twenty six shillings and six pence.

7. *To* John Adames 1st In town pay Thirty shillings.

8. *To* Joseph Winchel in Town pay forty shillings.

9. *To* Jonathan Rimington junr in Town pay Thirty five shillings.

10. *To* Joshua Kendol in Town pay four shillings.

11. *To* the Town Treasurer Thirty shillings in Town pay for a like sum paid by him to William Allien by Vertue of or pursuant to an order of the Select men.

12. Also granted to Ensign Samuel Kent in Town pay for a blankitt Eighteen shillings.

13. Also granted to Ensign Samuel Kent in Town pay five shillings per Day for six Days he spent Relating to the Setting off the West part of the Town into a Seperate Society.

14. Also granted to Joseph King in town pay five shillings per Day for six Days he spent in that affair Relating to Setting of the West Society &c.

15. *Also granted* to Doc: John Leanord Forty four shillings in Town pay for what he did for Goodman Segar in his Last Sickness.

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*Tho. Taylor d. Janr 6, 1741. He was the last but one of the original Proprietors. Wm. Allen 2d married his daughter Kesiah.

16. *Also granted* to Joseph King Junr in Town pay for Castor & Tobbacco for Segar Two shillings & six pence.

17. *Also Voted* that the Constable this year may take the Countrey Rate in flax and hemp: flax att six pence per p^{d}, and hemp at four pence per p^{d} as money according to the New Tennour: And the Town to bare the Charge of Transportation to Boston.

18. *Also granted* to Lt Joseph King Three pounds in Town pay for serving the Town as Treasurer Last year.

19. *Also Voted* to Raise Eighty p^{d} this year in Town pay to Defray Town Charges.

20. *Also Voted* to Raise Eighty pounds in money this year to Defray Town Charges.

21. *Also Voted* that the price of Wheat this year for paying Town Debts shall be Twelve shillings per bushel.

22. *Also Voted* that the price of Rye this year for paying Town Debts shall be Eight shillings per bushel.

23. *Also Voted* that the price of Indian Corn this year for paying Town Debts shall be six shillings per bushel.

24. *Also Voted* that the price of oats this year for paying Town Debts shall be four shillings per bushel.

25. *Also voted* that the price of Iron this year for paying Town Debts shall be Four pounds per Hundred.

26. *Also granted* to John Granger in Town pay for Two hundred and forty-six feet of plank to mend highways Twelve shillings per hundred.

Att the Annaversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Quallifyed for voting in order to chuse officers to order the prudential affairs of said Town and matters of General Concernment as the Law Directs. And accordingly choice was made as followeth — viz: — March 1741.

Select Men—Lt. Jonathan Sheldon, Ens. Samuel Kent, Dea Joseph Rimington, Dudley Kent, Medad Pumry.

Town Clerk—Joseph Winchel.

Land Measurer—Joseph Winchel.

Town Treasurer—Ensign Josiah King.

Constables—Ebenezer Southwel, & Jacob Hathaway.

Assessors—Lt. Joseph King, Ens. Samuel Kent, Noah Smith 1st.

Sealler of Leather—Thomas Sheldon.

Sealler of Waites and Measures—Aaron Hitchcoke.

Tything Men—Noah Smith 2^{d}, Aaron Hitchcoke, John Norton, Nathanel Wooster.

fence viewers—Thomas Roe, Thomas Norton.

Hoggreeves—Samuel Hathaway, John Harmon 2^{d}, John Adames 2^{d}.

Serveighers of highways—Ebenezer Smith, John Rising, John Burbank, David Smith, Samuel Rimington, Ruben Harmon, James Rising, Joseph Kent.

To Execute the Law with Respect to killing Deer—Abraham Burbank, Samuel Rimington.

It was agreed and Voted in said meeting To Devide the Towns Interest money that is in the hand of Lt. Joseph King—between the East and West Society in Suffield according to the present List:

Also Voted that forty pounds of the Intrest Money shall be Improved towards supporting the school.

Also Voted that the present Assessors shall be and are the persons appointed and Directed to Devide said Intrest Money according as agreed upon in the preceeding Vote.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May y^{e} 18th. 1741:

first. M^{r} John Pengilly was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2^{ly}. *Voted* to chuse a man to prosecute such person and persons as Incroach upon the Town highways: provided always such person take his Direction from the Select men for the Time being.

3^{dly}. Samuel Hathaway was chosen to prosecute such persons as incroach on the Town highways: provided also he take his Direction from the select men agreeable to the preceeding Vote.

4^{thly}. Benjamin Kent was chosen Constable for the present year.

5^{thly}. Voted to abate John Spelmans Rates Committed to Edward Foster a former Constable to colect: provided said Foster att his first opportunity Do colect the same of said Spelman and convert it to the Towns use.

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield December y^{e} 15th. 1741.

first. Dea. Joseph Rimington was chosen moderator to manage said meeting.

Secondly. Lt Joseph King was chosen and appointed to borrow money for the Town in order to satisfy the Execution sent out by the Province Treasurer against Joseph Winchel and Joseph King:

3^{dly}. *Also voted* to Raise ninety pounds in bills of creditt to Defray Town Charge.

4^{thly}. Also Voted to Raise forty five pounds in Town pay for paying Town Debts.

5^{thly}. Also Voted that the price of Iron this year for paying Town Debts shall be four pounds five shillings per hundred.

6th. *Also Voted* that the price of flax this year in Town pay for paying Town Debts shall be Two shillings per pound.

7th. *Also voted* to build a bridge over stony brook neer John Clements Land by way of highway work: provided such persons as part with their Land to accomodate the same Do take a like quantity of Land out of the highway as a full satisfaction.

8^{ly}. *Also granted* to Lt Joseph King Two pounds and Eleven shillings one half of which money: the other half Town pay for his takeing the Countrey List or Valluation.

9th. *Also* granted to Noah Smith the first, Two pounds and Eleven shillings, one half to be in money for his takeing the Countrey List.

10ly. *Also granted* to Jacob Hathaway Seventeen Shillings in Town pay for plank.

11ly. *Also granted* to Benjamin Kent Twelve shillings in Town pay for carring Joanna Allien out of Town.*

12ly. *Also granted* to Timothy Phelps One pound eighteen shillings, one half money for work he did about the School house.

13ly. *Also* Voted that the Select men may pass and alow of Capt Sheldons bill put into Lt Kings hand and Do what they think Just and right about it.

14ly. *Also granted* to Jonathan Rimington Junr Twelve shillings in Town pay for service formerly done for the Town.

15ly. *Also* granted to Richard Austin Two shillings and six pence in Town pay for service Done for the Town.

16ly. *Granted* to Dudley Kent Two shillings in Town pay for Timber Improved in the Towns service.

17ly. *Also* granted to Samuel Granger ye 2d Fourteen shillings in Town pay.

18. *Also* granted to Aaron Hitchcoke Twelve shillings in Town pay for making Two Coffins for Nathanel Dubbledays children.

19ly. *Also Voted* to bare the Charge of Entering as the Law Directs all such persons as from time to Time shall by order of the Select men be warned out of Town.

Att the Annaversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield in order to chuse Town officers for the Ensueing year March ye 8th. 1742.

First: Mr John Pengilly was chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

Secondly—

Select Men—Dea Joseph Rimington, Lt. Jonathan Sheldon, Ensn Samuel Kent, Medad Pumroy and Lt Joseph King.

Assessors—Lt. Joseph King, Ensn Samuel Kent, and Noah Smith 1st.

Also Joseph Winchel was chosen *Town Clerk.*

Also Ensign Josiah King was chosen *Town Treasurer.*

Also John Norton, John Hale, Joseph Austin, William Halladay Junr, Samuel Granger 2d, David Smith, John Harmon 2d, and Timothy Burbank were chosen *Serveighers of highways.*

Also Dudly Kent and Moses Kent were chosen *Tything Men.*

Also Joseph Brunson and Samuel Rimington were chosen *fence Viewers.*

Also John King was chosen *Constable* for the West part of the Town.

Constables—John Adams 1st. And Joseph Rimington Junr.

Also William King and Thomas Spencer were chosen to proseeute such persons as shall presume to *kill Deer contrary to the Law of this Province.*

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* Persons dwelling in a town for three months and not warned out, were to be reputed inhabitants, and the town became liable to their support. Persons warned out and not departing, were to be conveyed by the constable to the town where they belonged, or to their last residence.

Thomas Roe, Samuel Roe and John Adams 2d were chosen *Hogg:reeves.*

Also Thomas Sheldon was chosen *Sealler of Leather.*

Also Joseph Winchel was chosen *Town Serveyer.*

Also granted to Ebenezer Nash. six shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to John Hale three shillings in Town pay.

Also granted to William Spencer 2d: nine shillings and three pence Town pay.

Also granted to Ens^{n}. Samuel Kent fifty and one shillings: one half of which to be in money for taking the Countrey List or Valluation.

Also granted to John King Late Constable the full and the whole of the sums whereatt James Davice: and James Austin were Assessed in the Rates committed to him to Collect: Provided said King take the first oppertunity to Recover the money of the s^{d} persons and let the Town have the benefit thereof.

Also granted to Noah Smith 1st Three shillings in Town pay for plank.

Also granted to Ensign Samuel Kent Ten shillings in money and Twenty shillings Town pay.

Att a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield May 15th. 1742:

First Lt Joseph King was chosen Moderator to order said meeting.

2^{ly}. Joseph King: William King and John Burbank were chosen a Committee to Reckon with the Towns Trustees: of said Town of Suffields proportion of the Sixty Thousand Pounds Loan: with Interest thereon: and also what said Committee shall find Due both of principal and Interest upon their adjusting of accompts with said Trustees: they are hereby authorized to Recover the same for the Towns use:

3^{ly}. Granted to Lt Joseph King Twenty Shillings for his time and Trouble about borrowing money: to satisfie The Province Treasure^{rs} Execution: against the Towns Assessors for a part of the Sixty Thousand Pounds Loan.

4^{ly}. Granted to Lt Joseph King in bills of the old Tenou^{r}: the sum of Sixty Pounds Seven shillings and Two pence, with the Lawful Interest thereof: from the time said King paid the same: untill it shall be paid to him again: for the like sum said King paid the Sheriff: to satisfy the Treasurers Execution against the Towns Assessors: for their Neglect in not Assessing the Inhabitants for the Remaining part of said Loan Due to said Treasurer.

5^{ly}. Cap^{t} Joseph Winchel: Samuel Hathaway and John Burbank were appointed a Committee upon Daniel Adams Charge to make Report to the Town what they shall think proper: for the Town to Do: Respecting the highway Runing through Daniel Adams Land att the Deep Brook.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield June y^{e} 1st. 1742.

First. Lt Joseph King was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

Secondly. *Voted* to be att the charge of Petitioning the General Assembly for a ReEstablishment of the Line between Springfield and Suffield according to the ancient bounds.*

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* See Appendix F.

Thirdly. Voted to Raise forty pounds bills of Credit: of the old Tenour: and so much of it to be used as there may be occasion for to Defray the Charge in Prosecuteing said Petition.

Fourthly. Colonel Timothy Dwight of Northampton by a Clear vote was chosen an agent: in the Towns behalf: to prosecute said Petition: att the General Assembly by himself or if he Judge meet and convenient, to Improve some other Attorney to aid and assist him therein:

Fifthly. Mr. Abraham Burbank was chosen to prepare what should be thought needful for said agent in manageing the said affair:

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield November 23d 1742.

First. Lt Joseph King was chosen moderator for said meeting:

Secondly Granted to Ensigne Samuel Kent Eight shillings in Town pay according to money of the Old Tenor: for one Day perambulating The Line with Springfield men.

Also Granted to Abraham Burbank Eight shillings Town pay for one Day perambulating the line between Springfield and Suffield.

Also Granted to Joseph Winchel Eight shillings in Town pay for one Day renewing the Dividing line betwixt Springfield and Suffield.

Also Granted to Abraham Burbank for time and Expence in going to Northampton in the Towns service Twenty shillings in Town pay: and Ten shillings in money according to the Old Tenor.

Also Granted to John Hale Twelve shillings in Town pay for one hundred feet of plank.

Also Granted to Jonathan Parsons for one Days work att *Tainters Bridge in Town pay according to the old Tenor Ten shillings.

Also Voted to Leave it with the Select Men to alow such person as should find plank for the Towns use and have not as yet brought in their bill what they think Reasonable.

Also Granted to Joshua Austin Twenty Two shillings in Town pay for eleven trees to mend highways.

Also Granted to John Norton Ten shillings in Town pay.

Also Granted to John Roe fourteen shillings in Town pay for seven trees.

Also Granted to Samuel Hathaway for plank Ten shillings in Town pay.

Also Granted to Thomas Sheldon three shillings and six pence in Town pay for plank.

Also Granted to Noah Smith 1st Two shillings in Town pay for plank to mend bridges.

Also Granted to Samuel Smith Thirty shillings: in Town pay for five hundred brick if he be not already paid.

Also Granted to Capt Keillogg for Eight sticks of Timber five shillings in Town pay.

Also Granted to Timothy Burbank Two shillings in Town pay for plank to mend a bridge.

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*Tainter Hill was named for Michael Tainter of Windsor. See p. 233.

Also Granted to Noah Smith 1st Eight shillings in Town pay for Timber.

Also Granted to Samuel Smith nine shillings in Town pay for Carting Clay.

Also Granted to Lt Joseph King Twenty three pounds in money according to the old Tenor: Together with Ten per cent Intrest for the same: to begin the Eighth Day of this Instant and thence forward untill said money be paid: it being for a like sum paid by said King for the Town:

Also Voted, to Raise Forty pounds in money according to bills of the old Tenor for the use of the School.

Also Voted, to Raise One Hundred and Ten Pounds in money according to bills of the old Tenour for the Defraying Town Debts.

Also Voted, to Raise forty five pounds in Town pay for the Defraying Town Charge.

Also Voted, that the price of wheat this year for the paying Town Debts shall be sixteen shillings per bushel according to bills of the old Tenor.

Also Voted, that the price of Rye for the paying Town Debts this year shall be Twelve shillings per bushel according to the old Tenor.

Also Voted, that the price of Indian corn this year for paying Town Debts shall be Eight shillings per bushel according to old Tenor.

Also Voted, that the price of oats for paying Town Debts this year shall be Five shillings per bushel according to old Tenor.

Also Voted, that the price of flax: this year for paying Town Debts shall be Two shillings per pound according to old Tenor.

Also Voted, that the price of Iron this year for paying Town Debts shall be Four pounds and five shillings per hundred as Town pay.

Also Granted, to Edward Foster the whole of one years Rates of John Spelmans.

Also Alowed, to Benjamin Kent the whole of Samuel Stedmans Rates Except Twenty Eight shillings.

Also Alowed, to Benjamin Kent the whole of David Dewys Rates provided that if said Kent have an oppertunity to Recover said Dewys Rates he take the oppertunity; and pay in the same to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town.

Also Granted, to Benjamin Kent the whole of Jonathan Olds Rates: and also the whole of one years Rates of Seraiah Strattons.*

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield February y^e^ 21: 174¾.

First. Dea Joseph Rimington was chosen Moderator to manage said meeting.

Secondly. Medad Pumroy was chosen Assessor to supply the place of Noah Smith y^e^ 1st Late Deceased.

Thirdly.—Mr Abraham Burbank: Joseph Winchel and Joseph King were chosen and appointed to be a Committee to send for the Committee appointed by the General Court to Consider and Do what they think proper: with Respect to the Dividing Line betwixt Springfield and Suffield—and also said Com-

*The records in the handwriting of Joseph Winchel end here. He died of apoplexy March 11, 174¾.

mittee Do Improue Colonel Timothy Dwight in the affair: if he can be obtained: but if not: then such other person as they may think fit.

Fourth. Voted to Raise Twenty pounds in money according to the old Tenor in order to Defray the Charge that may arise by means of the Difference between Springfield and Suffield about the Dividing Line between said Towns.

Fifthly. Granted to the Widow Mary Smith Relict of Noah Smith 1^{et}: Ten shillings in Town pay according to the old Tenor: for Timber.

— Att an Annavarsary Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield in order To choose Town officers for the year Ensueing, March 14th, 174$\frac{4}{}$.

First. Joseph King was chosen Moderator: to order s^{d} Meeting.

Select men — Dea Jos Remington, Joseph King, Joseph Harmon, Will^{m} King, Nath^{ll} Harmon 2nd.

Assessors — Joseph King, Nath^{ll} Harmon 2nd, Sam^{ll} Kent Jun^{r}.

Land measurer — Jon^{a} Kellogg.

Constables — Posthumus Sikes, Thomas Norton, Silas Kent.

Fence Viewers — John Hanchet 2nd, Jon^{a} Remington Jun^{r}, Jn^{o} Hanchet 3^{d}, Joseph Austin, Tho^{s} Spencer, Jn^{o} Hale, Will^{m} Haliday Jun^{r}, Joseph Brunson.

Surveyors — Sam^{ll} Remington Jun^{r}, Uriah Austin, Geo: Norton, Jn^{o} Clemmons, Tim^{o} Phelps, W^{m} King, Jon^{a} Sikes, Ezekiel Bissell, Nath^{ll} Smith, Ebenezer Trumble.

Tything men — Joseph Leavitt, Dudley Kent, Noah Smith, Nath^{l} Harmon, 3d, James Smith, Ed'wd Foster.

Hogreeves — Dan^{ll} Kent, & Jn^{o} Spencer.

Sealer of Leather — Tho^{s} Sheldon.

Sealer of Wt's & meas'rs — Aaron Hitchcock.

Also Abraham Burbank and Thomas Spencer were chosen to prosecute such persons as shall presume to Kill Deer contrary to the Law of this Province.

It being propos^{d}, to exchange part of the Highway near the head of the middle Iron works pond with John Roe and Tho^{s}, Roe for part of their Land near that place for the more convenient passing there: Therefore voted to Leave it with the Select Men to view the place and consider the circumstances and to make Report to the Town in one of their meetings what they shall think proper for the Town to act thereon.*

May 16.th 1748. Att a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield Quallified to vote in Town Meetings as the Law Directs.

1st Joseph King was chosen Moderator to order said meeting.

2ndly. By a clear vote John Adams was chosen to sarve as Constable instead of Posthumus Sikes who was chosen to said office in March Last, and s^{d} Sikes accquitted from sarving in s^{d} office for y^{e} space of seven years Next coming, and s^{d} Adams is to Receive the Constables Sallery from the Town.

3^{d}ly. *Voted* to allow to Joseph King Twenty one pounds Fourteen shillings and Eight pence old Tenor with Interest Therefor from y^{e} 15th of April Last untill s^{d} King shall Receive said sum, which sum he p^{d} to Coll^{o} Tim^{o} Dwight in full Discharge of what s^{d} Dwight had done for the Town in the case Between Springfield and Suffield Respecting the Dividend Line between s^{d} Towns.†

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*See Highway March 3^{d} 174$\frac{4}{}$, p. 208. †See Appendix F.

Also allowed to Joseph King as followeth viz: Four pounds Four shillings and One peney Old Tenor for himself & horse 5 Days to wait upon the Gen^{ll} Courts Committee and money Expended and Provision. Also Eight shillings old Tenor for a Day to view the Line between Springfield and Suffield. Also Twelve Shillings Old Tenor in Town pay for a day to confer with Springfield Committee. Also One pound Twelve shillings and One peney Old Tenor, for Expense Laid out upon James Lawrence Obe and his wife when sick. Allow^{d} to Sam^{ll} Hathey* 5/3 old Tenor for money expended upon y^{e} Committee.

Voted to allow Mr. Abraham Burbank for his Committeeship Respecting the Line between Springfield an Suffield Nine pounds Two shillings and Four pence Old Tenor for so much Remaining Due to him over and above what he has Received for time and money he has Expended in that affair. Also Allow^{d} to s^{d} Burbank 8/ Old Tenor for a day spent on y^{e} line, and Twelve shillings Town pay for himself and Expence a day to confer with Springfield Committee.

Voted, to allow Benj^{a} Kent three pounds five shillings and four pence old Tenor for Entertaining y^{e} Gen^{ll} Courts Committee &c, and 19^{s}/11^{d} old Tenor for Rhum & Sugar, and a Snakes Gall to James Lawrance.

Voted, to allow to Lt Adams 10/ old Tenor for so much Remaining Due to him for going to Hatfield for Major Will^{ms}, one of y^{e} Gen^{ll} Courts Committee.

Voted, to allow Will^{m} King 8/ old Tenor for a Day spent upon Springfield Line — and Eleven shillings for a day to Springfield for a Schoolmaster.

Voted, to allow to W^{m} Spencer 2nd 17/7^{d} old Tenor for sundrys to James Obe. Also allow^{d} to Ebenez^{r} Allin 20/ old Tenor for his wives nursing a fortnight with James Obe & wife besides what s^{d} Obe has paid her.

Voted, to allow David Smith 8/ old Tenor for going to Doctor Leonard and other service for James Obe.

Voted to allow John Pengilly 8/ old Tenor for going to Westfield for Evidence Respecting the Line, and 6/ old Tenor for w^{t} he Did for James Obe.

Voted, to Leave it with the Selectmen to agree with John Roe and Thomas Roe for so much of their Land on y^{e} west side of Stony Brook as they shall Judg needfull, to accommodate the Highway between Deacon Remingtons and John Clemonses and to make s^{d} Roes Compensation with a part of s^{d} Highway (Viz) upon or out of the south side thereof next adjoyning to s^{d} Roes Land, and what the Selectmen shall Do therein shall be good and Valid to all Intents and purposes.

Also Voted, that L^{t} Jon^{a} Sheldon, Sam^{ll} Kent, and Jon^{a} Parsons Be a Committee upon their own cost to view and consider and make Report to the Town what they shall think proper to act Respecting a Highway† Between Symsbury and Suffield Near the Round Hill.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield the 22nd Day of November 1748.

1st. Mr William King was Chosen Moderator To order said Meeting.

2ndl^{y}. Voted, that the Selectmen Do Repair the School House so that it

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* Hatheway. † This was laid out in May 1745. See p. 245.

may be comfortable to keep School in it this winter, and also Do pass the Bills of charge therefor :

3^{dly}. *Voted*, that the Great Bridge over Stony Brook by Sam^{ll}, Copleys mill* be Repaired, and that the Town be at the Charge of Plank and other materials necessary therefor.

4^{thly}. Voted, that the copy of the † Report of the General Courts committee and the sanction of the Court thereon Respecting the Late Establishment of the Dividend Line between Springfield and Suffield be Recorded at length in the Towns Book of Records to perpetuate the memory thereof; and that all the evidences and copys and ‡ papers Relating to that affair be kept upon file in the Town Clerks office until there shall happen to be occasion to use them in some future Controversie Respecting said Line.§

5^{thly}. *Voted*, that the Town Clerk (for the time being) for the future Do Record all perambulations that hereafter shall be made Between this and any of the Neighboring Towns.

6^{thly}. *Granted* to the several persons hereafter named in Town Pay at Old Tenor price the sum affixed to each ones name. Viz: To William Austin (for plank) 84 feet Last year 4^{s}/2^{d}. To L^{t} Josiah King One pound Ten shillings per year for his service in the Town Treasur^{rs} Office.—To Abraham Granger for Timber for Bushes Bridge 12/.——To Joseph Fuller for Timber Bushes Bridge 4/. To Thomas Norton Constable for warning Sundrey persons out of Town 55/. To Mr. Abraham Burbank for Nailes and work Done to Repair the School House 20/8^{d}.——To Sam^{l} Sikes for 120 foot of plank for Bushes Bridge 18/.——To Mr. Sam^{ll} Kent 2nd Four pound for service he has Done for the Town in the Gen^{ll} Court &c in the Controversie between Springfield & Suffield Respecting the Dividing line. Also to Mr. Sam^{ll} Kent 2nd 10/ for Timber for the Highways.——To Jared Huxley for Timber for Highways 2/. To Sam^{ll} and Benjamin Remington for Timber for Highways 10/. To John Granger for Timber for Highways 4/.

7^{thly}. *Granted* to Mr Sam^{ll} Kent 2nd 40/ money old Tenor over and above what he hath already Rec^{d} of Joseph King which was Three pounds Old Tenor for money he has Expended at y^{e} Gen^{ll} Court for Copys &c in the Controversie between Springfield and Suffield.

8^{thly}. *Voted*, that the Assessors Do Assess the Town in the sum of Forty Pounds in Town pay at Old Tenor price to Defray the Town Charg.

9^{thly}. *Voted*, that the assessors Do assess the Inhabitants of the Town In the sum of One Hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit to Defray the Necessary Charges arising and happening within the same.

10^{thly}. *Voted*, That the several Species hereafter mentioned shall be accounted for and Received in the Town Treasury as Town pay to Discharge the Towns Debts at the several prices affixed to each particular in the old Tenor. Viz: good Bar Iron at Four pounds Five shillings per hundred Wheat at 16/ Rye at 12/ Indian Corn at 8/ Barley at 12/ and oats at 5/ p^{r} bushel And flax at 2/ p^{r} pound.

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*This was probably a fulling mill. The bed timbers of the dam are to be seen north from the bridge at South St. R. R. Station.

† See Appendix G. Also Book No. 2, Town Acts, p. 498.

‡ See Appendix F. Some of these papers are preserved.

§ It remains the Town and State Line to this day. See Town Lines, p. 12.

11thly. By a full and clear vote Mr. William King Was Chosen to Demand, Sue for, Recover and Receive (for the use of the Town of Suffield) of the Trustees of s[d] Towns proportion of the Sixty Thousand Pounds Publick Revenue so much money as is yet Remaining in the hands of s[d] Trustees both of the Principal and Interest thereof which they should have paid into the Province Treasury and have Neglected so to Do. And also the s[d] Towns proportion of the Interest of said Sixty Thousand Pounds which they have Neglected to pay into the Town Treasury.

12thly. *Voted*, to Reduce the Highway on the West side of Clay Brook so far as it Runs through Thomas Grangers Land which he Bought of Mr. John Eliot, to Four Rods in Breadth.

13thly. *It* Asaph Leavit and Ens[e] William King were chosen a Committee to make a compensation to Thomas Granger for the Highway Runing through his Land he bought of Mr. John Eliot west of Clay Brook by seting out to s[d] Granger so much of the south side of s[d] way adjoyning to s[d] Grangers Land as they shall Judge to be a Reasonable Satisfaction; if they shall think it best so to do, and the s[d] Granger will accept thereof.

13thly.—*Voted*, to Exchange with Joseph Pumroy the Highway East of Muddy Brook Falls so far back Eastward from s[d] Brook as s[d] Pumroys Land adjoyns to s[d] way, said Pumroy Leaving out for a Highway so much Land about Eight or Ten Rods Northward of the present Highway.

13. *Voted* that Joseph King Dudley Kent and Mr Abraham Burbank be a Committee to Lay out highways as followeth viz: the Highway from the South side of John Adams Home Lot up to Springfield bounds taking in all the Land that is free between the West End of the Lots on the East side and the East End of the Lots on the West side of said way.——And also a * Highway from Deep Brook to Springfield Road. And also the Highway from the uper End of High Street Northward untill it meets with the Highway that Leads from Crooked Lane towards Bushes Bridge.

14. *Voted*, that the Selectmen or the major part of them be fully Impowered and authorized in the Towns behalf To Exchange with Benjamin Kent by way of Leas or Deed of Conveance; the North half of the Minstry Lot of Highstreat Lying between the Lots that were originally Sam[ll] Glovers and Joseph Segars; for the North part or side of the s[d] Lot that was originall said Glovers taking acre for acre and such Deed Lease or Conveyance which they shall take of s[d] Kent to convey s[d] Land or the Improvement thereof to the Towns use for the support of the Ministry and for no other use whatsoever according to the Grant thereof made by the Committee that were appointed for the seting of Suffield.

15thly. *Voted*, To allow to Jon[a] Sheldon Jun[r] after the Rate of Ten pounds money of the old Tenor p[r] acre for so much Land as he shall convey to the Town for a highway of four Rods wide at the North East corner of Symsbury Township, viz: from the West end of the highway that Leads from Woolf-pit Plain, to the Round Hill, thence up Northward untill it shall meet with Suffield Township where the highway formerly used to be and now is open.

16thly. *Voted*, that the Select Men Do agree with John Roe for a small

* Laid out March 2, 1744. See p. 293.

Quantity of Land and west side of the Middle Iron Works* Pond near Deacon Remingtons for the Town use for a Highway over Stony Brook, to Deacon Remingtons.

17thly. *Voted*, that John Roe have Liberty to erect a fence on the Bank of the Brook and on the South side thereof against his own Land that is a Little Southward of the Middle Iron Works near Deacon Joseph Remingtons according to the Direction of the Select men upon such consideration as they shall think meet.

18thly. *Voted* that the Town Clerk Do procure a Book upon the Towns cost To Register Marriages, Births, and Deaths in.

HIGHWAY THROUGH JOHN ROE'S LAND.

March y^e^ 8^d^ 174¾. Pursuant to a vote of the Town Nov^r^ 22^nd^. 174¾. We the subscribers have agreed with John Roe for a small Quantity of his Land on the West Side of the Iron Works pond. Near Deacon Remingtons for the Towns use for a highway of three Rods wide on y^e^ Eastward part of s^d^ Roe's Land in that place, and have Laid out s^d^ way as followeth (viz) Begining att or near the North Easterly course of s^d^ Roe's Land at Two or three small Walnut trees standing on the edge of the Bank on the west side of said pond and on y^e^ south side of the Highway Leading from s^d^ Remingtons Down to s^d^ pond, Runing West three Rods to stake and stone, thence South through or upon s^d^ Roes Land three Degrees West by y^e^ Needle Twenty Rods to a small Walnut Tree mark^t^, thence East three Degrees South to the Edge of the Bank of said pond. And as a full compensation to s^d^ Roe for s^d^ way wee have awarded to him to be paid out of the Town Treasury Four pounds in Bills of Credit of the old Tenor, and also a Liberty to set his fence on y^e^ Bank of y^e^ Brook on the Southward and Eastward side of s^d^ Brook against his own Land, excepting about Twelve Rods south westward from John Clemonses South westward corner of his house Lot where he is to Leave a convenient watering place. Entered March 12^th^ 174¾.

Select Men—Joseph Remington, Joseph King, Will^m^ King.

HIGHWAY FROM DEEP BROOK TO SPRINGFIELD ROAD.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town at their meeting Novem^r^ 22^nd^, 174¾. Wee the subscribers have Laid out a Highway of three Rods wide Between Deep Brook and Springfield Road in manner followin (viz) Begining at a white oak Staddle with stones about it standing upon the top of the Hill or Rising ground a little Northward from said Brook, and near the North side of Daniel Adams his Home Lot and on the Westward side of a Highway formerly Laid out there, thence we markt out the Southward side of s^d^ way Runing from s^d^ Staddle west thirty Eight Degrees North by y^e^ needle forty four Rods to stake and stone, which is the North East corner boundary of thirteen acres of Great Common Laid out to Dan^ll^ Adams on y^e^ Right of Symon Gowen, and from s^d^ stake

* Now Luce's Grist-mill, and Saw-mill Pond. Suffield had three "Iron Works" at this date, all located on Stony Brook. The West Iron Works were near Simsbury Line. The lower Iron Works were near the site of the present Boston-Neck School House. (See note, p. 152.)

Runing west about Twenty four Degrees North about sixty Rods to stake & stone standing on y^e^ easterly side of a Little Swamp which is the North westerly corner boundary of s^d^ Adamses thirteen acres, and is also the Northeast corner boundary of second Division Land formerly Laid out to John Scott, which Highway is to take its Breadth, North Eastwardly from said Boundarys. And from thence we mark^t^ out y^e^ North Eastwardly side of s^d^ way, Begining three Rods North Easterly from s^d^ Adamses and Scots Boundary, thence Runing North Twenty six Degrees West forty Rod to Stake and stone; being y^e^ south west corner of Two acres and half of second Division Land in the Great Common Laid out to Abraham Burbank on Thomas Grangers Right: thence North Twenty five Degrees West Twenty Rod to stake & stone being a westerly corner Boundary of s^d^ Burbanks Two acres and half: Thence North thirty seven Degrees west southward from Ebenezer Allins house to the County Road Leading from Suffield to Springfield.

March y^e^ 2^nd^. 174$\frac{4}{5}$. Enterd March y^e^ 12^th^ 174$\frac{4}{5}$.

Committee—Joseph King, Dudley Kent, Abra: Burbank.

Att an Annaversary Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Suffield to chuse Town officers and other matters of Gen^ll^ Concernment March y^e^ 5^th^. 174$\frac{4}{5}$—*first* Dudley Kent was chosen Moderator to ord^r^ s^d^ meeting.

Select men—Cap^t^ Jonathan Sheldon, Dudley Kent, Sam^ll^ Kent second, Jacob Hatheway, Medad Pumroy.

Assessors—Sam^ll^ Kent 2^nd^, Dudley Kent, Medad Pumroy.

Fence viewers—Aaron Rising, Ebenez^r^ Trumble, Daniel Spencer, Uriah Austin, Will^m^ Halladay Jun^r^, Joseph Brunson.

Town Clerk—* Benj^a^ Kent.

Town Treasurer—Sam^ll^ Kent 2nd.

Surveyors of Highways—Joseph Remington, David Smith, Josiah Kent, Rob^t^ Granger, Nath^ll^ Harmon, Tho^s^ Spencer, Phillip Nelson.

Constables—John Granger, Sam^ll^ Harmon, Sam^ll^ Granger 2^nd^.

Tything men—John Hanchet Jun^r^, Dan^ll^ Kent, Nath^ll^ Harmon 2^d^, Sam^ll^ Kent, Ebenez^r^ Noble, Nath^ll^ Woster.

Sealer of Leather—Noah Pumroy.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Aaron Hitchcock.

Hog Reaves—Jon^a^ Remington, Dan^ll^ Hubbard.

Dear Reaves—Sam^ll^ Remington Jun^r^ & Dudley Kent.

Voted to allow several persons hereafter Named in Town pay old Tenor price the sum anexed to each ones Name (Viz).

To John Huxley Eleven shillings and three pence for the use of his house for the School:

To Ruben Harmon four shillings for Timber he had of Nath^ll^ Smith for Highways:

To Joseph King, John Burbank and William King four shillings each for endeavouring to Reckon with the Trustees:

To Thomas Norton Twenty shillings for warning persons out of Town and warning a Town meeting:

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* Benjamin Kent was a son of Samuel Kent Jun^r^, and was town clerk eighteen years. His orthography is a terror to the transcriber and the printer.

To constable John Adams for warning persons out of Town and makeing Return to y^e^ Court & paying y^e^ clerk for entry fifteen shillings.

To Jon^a^ Dewey for procuring a copy of the Trustees Receipt to y^e^ Province Treas^r^, of y^e^ £60,000 Grant &c.

To William King forty shillings in Bills of y^e^ old Tenor for money paid to the Province Treasurer for a copy of the Trustees Receipt.

To allow the Constables Viz: John Adams, Joseph Remington Jun^r^, Thomas Norton, and Silas Kent, Twenty shillings each p^r^ year in Town pay old Tenor for their constables Sallery, accounting Jn^o^ Adams to have sarved Two years.

Voted, to authoriz Mr William King to substitute an Attourney as agent in the Towns behalf to sue for and Recover of the Towns Trustees of the Sixty Thousand pounds Grant or Publick Revenue so much as is yet Remaining in their hand of Sixty Thousand pounds with Interest thereof for the Towns use.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer Do pay to Mr William King Ten pounds in Bills of the old Tenor to enable him to comence and carry on an action agninst the Towns Trustees of the Sixty Thousand pounds Grant, in order to Recover for y^e^ Towns use so much of s^d^ Grant with Interest thereof as is Due to s^d^ Town.

Voted, that Dea: Joseph Remington, John Burbank, and Jacob Hatheway, be a Committee To Lay oute and State the Highway Between Clay Brook and Jeremiah Grangers, and also to consider what will be a meet compensation to Thomas Granger for s^d^ Highways Runing through his Land, and make Report to y^e^ Town of what they shall think propper for the Town to Do thereon.

Also Voted, the s^d^ Committee Do View the Highway Runing through Joseph Hastings his Land East of Muddy Brook Falls and consider what will be meet compensation to s^d^ Hastings therefor, and make Report of what they Judge propper for the Town to act thereon.

Granted to Samuel Remington Jun^r^ and Stephen Remington Twenty five pounds in Bills of the Old Tenor for compensation in full for a highway Runing through Land that was formerly their fathers (Viz:) John Remingtons Between Fylars Brook and the Hill formerly called Kents Hill West from s^d^ Brook.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May 21^st^, 1744;

1 Sam^l^ Kent Esqr was chosen Moderator to order said Meeting.

2. *Voted* that there be a Highway Laid out from the North end of Round Hill in the most convenant Place, to * Windsor Bounds Three Rods wide Provided: Windsor open a way from thence to the Roade Down by Isaac Gillits and Isaac Owens, and Simsbery Town open a Road from the Round Hill to the upper End of Turke Hills Strete.

Sam^l^ Kent Jun^r^ Moderator.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Octo^br^ the 5^th^. 1744.

First, Sam^l^ Kent Esqr was chosen Moderator to order s^d^ meeting.

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* The mysterious bound stone, east of the highway near the dwelling house of Hannibal Hanchett, indicates only this highway terminal, at the old Province and Windsor line. (See p. 300, and Appendix H.)

Voted, to allow several persons hereafter Named in Town pay Old Tenor price, the som anexed to each ones Name (Viz). To Jacob Hathaway for fore pounds of pork for Bushes wife, Eight Shillings. *To John Tously* for helping in s^{d} wooman, Eight shillings.

To Benj^{a} Kent for sundreys for s^{d} woman, Three pounds Twelve shillings and six pence.

To Sam^{l} Kent Jun^{r} to sundreys to s^{d} woman, Eight shillings.

To Doc Nath^{ll} Austin for sundry servises Don s^{d} woman in all one Pound Two Shillings and Six Pence.

To Cap^{t} Jon^{t} Sheldon for sundrys for s^{d} woman, one Pound.

To y^{e} Widow Mary Smith for a Bed for s^{d} woman, fiftene shiling.

To Sam^{l} Kent for 8 y^{d} and ¼ of Plaine Clouth for s^{d} woman, One Pound fiftene shilings.

To Joseph Hale for Bringein s^{d} woman, Three shilings.

To Sam^{l} Kent for keeping Bushes child fourtene weks att Ten Shilings p^{r} Week, Seven Pounds.

To Richard Austin for s^{d} womans Cofin fiftene shilings.

To John Huxly for Diging of the Grave Ten Shilings.

To Cap^{t} Jon^{t} Sheldon for going to Hatfield Twelve shilings.

To Sam^{l} Kent for Tow Pounds of Shuger for the child five shillings.

To Eb^{r} Burlisons wife for Nursing the woman One Pound Twelve shilings.

To Joseph King for Runing the Line one Day Eight shilings.

To Three Days of W^{m} King Dito One Pound four Shilings.

To Tow Days of Dudley Kent Dito Sixteene Shilings.

To Sam^{ll}, Kent Jun^{r} Sixteene Shilings.

Voted, to alow for Bulls as in years Past forty Shilings a yeare for the Beste Bulls, and so Less for the Rest as the Select men shall Judge they are Worth.

To Abr^{m} Burbank for 8 Days preambulating, £1–4–0.

To Cap^{t} Joseph King for one Day Laying out a highway up by Depe Brook Eight shilings.

To Dudley Kent for Deto Eight shilings.

To Abr'm Burbank for Deto Eight shilings.

Voted to Raise One Hundred Pounds money and also One Hundred Pounds Town Pay to Defray Town Depts. To Nath^{ll} Warner for sundreys for Bushes wife One Pound Seventene Shilings and Six pence. Deto for keeping of Bushes wife Ten weeks and a halfe *one half of the Time* 20/ the other halfe 25/ pr weke.

Voted to chuse a comitee to go on the Highway Down by the Old Iron works to say where it shall be Provid thay go on the mens cost that improue them, Ensine Kindwell, W^{m} Mather and John Burbank was chosen for that Purpos.

To John Hanchitt for the ware of his Sheats Twelve shillings.

Sam^{l} Kent jun^{r} Moderat^{r}.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield held Jenewary: 22^{d}: 1744. 1^{ly} Medad Pumry was chosen Moderater to order said meeting.

2^{ly} *Voted* to alow the Persons hereafter Named the soms set against their Names in Town pay old Tenor price:

to John Hale for Plank eight shiling	0–8–0
to Caleb Austin for Timbr Ten shiling	0–10–0

to John King for sundrys to John Bushes 3-11-0
to Medad Pumry to sundrys for Bushes 1-15-0
to Joseph Pumry for one Bushel ¾ Rie 0-18-0
to Thomas Sheldon 0-09-0
to Cap^{t} Jon^{t} Sheldon for keepin Bushes child Named —— 18 weks att 6/ p^{r} weke 5-08-0

8^{ly}. Voted the price of grain for this yeare in old Tenor to Pay Town Debts shall be wheat 16/ p^{r} Bushell, Rie 12/ shilling, Indian Corn 8/ shillings — Oats five shillings p^{r} Bushel and Flax Two and six pence p^{r} pound: Iron £4-10s.-0 p^{r} hundred

4^{ly}. *Voted* to Exchange the highway with Sam^{ll} Smith that goes over to Jonathan Risings and Take it where it Now is.

5^{thly}. *Voted* to Be att considirable cost to gitt into Conecticut.

6^{ly} *Voted* that Mr Sam^{ll} Kent and Aseph Levitt and Ezekiel Bisil shall have Liberty to Cetch fish and make a Wair for that Purpos for the yeare insuing — on *Mad-Tom Bare.

Att the Annaversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Quallifyed for voting in order to chuse officers to order the Prudential affairs of said Town and matters of General concernment as the Law Directs March 4th. 174¾. and accordingly chois was made as followeth (viz) — Sam^{ll} Kent was chosen *Modr^{tr}*.

Selectmen—Cap^{t} Jonathan Sheldon, Sam^{ll} Kent Esq^{r}, Dudley Kent, Jacob Hathaway, Sam^{ll} Harmon.

Town Clerk—Benj^{a} Kent.

Town Treas^{r}—Sam^{l} Kent Esq^{r}.

Constables—John Old, Freegrace Norton, John Granger.

Assessors—Sam^{l} Kent Esq^{r}, Dudley Kent, Medad Pumry.

Fence Viewers—Nath^{ll} Woster, Jonathan Sikes, Daniel Gillit, Amas Kent.

Tythingmen—Nath^{ll} Harmon, John Burbank, Jonth Remington Jun^{r}, Thomas Norton.

Serveig^{r} of Highways—John Granger, Timothy Phelps, John Rising, Nath^{ll} Harmon, Jarut Huxley Jun^{r}, Sam^{ll} Remington Jun^{r}, Posthumas Siks, Wm Haloday Jun^{r}, Uriah Austin.

Sealer of Leather—Noah Pumroy.

Sealer of waits and meas^{rs}—Aaron Hitchcock,

Hogg Reaves—John Smith, Nath^{ll} Hale Jun^{r}.

† *To tak care that No Body take mony that is forbid and Prosicute any that shall Do the same*—Daniel Kent & Benj^{a} Granger.

Medad Pumry and John Adams Jun^{r} was chosen to Execute y^{e} Law with Respect to Killing Deere.

1^{ly}. *Voted* that for Ten yeare Next comeing thare Be alowed and Payde out of the Town Treas^{ry}, five Pounds old Teno^{r} to Be Paid in Town pay to each Person that shall keep a Good Bull and so Preportionable for other Bulls

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* "Mad-Tom Bar" is a ledge of rock in the bed of the Connecticut River a short distance above Enfield Bridge.

† See note p. 301.

acording to thare Goodness att the Judgment of the select men they to alow the same yearely: and to Determine how many to Be alowed for.

2ly. *Also Voted* to Saml Kent Esqr in mony old Tenr four Pounds for a Grave Clouth he Bout some time Past.

3ly. *Voted* to Saml Kent Junr for Being Treasr Last yeare in Town Pay att old Tenr price forty shiling.

4thly. *Voted* to Samll Kent for Keeping Bushes child Twenty one weks Ten Pounds Ten shilings, halfe mony and halfe in Town Pay acording to the Bill of old Tenr.

5ly. *Voted* to John King for a years salary Being constable £1-0-0.

6ly. *Voted* to the Heiars of Doctor John Lenard Late Decsd for sundry servises Don Jams Larabys wife and Bushes wife in Town Pay acording to Bills of the Last emisn one Pound five shilings.

Att a Legal Town Meeting May 13th—1745.

1st. Saml Kent Junr was chosen Moderr to order sd meeting.

2ly. *Voted* that if Simbery Peaple will Purchis of Capt Jonathan Sheldin a Road Three Rod wide from the upper end of Turke hill over to the high way by the Round hill and Purchis the Land of Joseph Forword at the Reare of his Lot for a highway then the Town of Suffield will open a Roade from the Round hill Down to Windsor Bounds & Suffield will make and maintaine the highway in thair Bounds provided Simsbery will in thare Bounds: if the owners of sd Land will Take six Pounds pr acre old Tenor.

3ly. *Capt* Jonathan Sheldin Jonathan Parsons and Saml Harmon are chosen a Commitee for to se into the Bisness.

4ly. Benj Kent should take care to Git the money of Capt Joseph King which is the Town Dew for a Barrell of Powder he sold of the Towns.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Novembr 18th, 1745:

1st Captin Joseph King was chosen Moderr, to order sd meeting.

2ly *Voted* to alow in Town Pay att old Tenor Price the severall Sums anexed to each mans Name (viz).

To John Granger 20/ for his Constable saliry,	£1- 0- 0
To Samll Harmon 20/ for Deto Don	1- 0- 0
To Capt Jos: Kellogg for four Lod of Timber	0-12- 0
To Jonathan & Postk Siks for 250 fete of Plank 80/	1-10- 0
To Thos Spencer for 2 sticks of Timbr 4/	0- 4- 0
To Daniel Spencer for 15 stick of timbr 1/ 6 pr stick	1- 2- 6
To John Hail for Plank 16/	0-16- 0
To Samll Siks for Plank 16/	0-18- 0
To Nathanel Worner for carting Brick 20/	1- 0- 0
To Joseph Harmon Jun 8/	0- 8- 0
To Tho Norton 8/	0- 8- 0
To George Norton for 8 Load of stone for ye Scoll house *	1- 0- 0

* The School House was probably enlarged at this time.

To Uriah Austin for 2 stick of Timbr 0– 8– 0

To Saml Remington for one stick of Timbr 0– 2– 0

To Richard Austin for 2 Days work about the Scoll House 20/. 1– 0– 0

To Aseph Levitt for work Don att ye sd house 2– 0– 0

To Captin Jos: King for atending on ye odcr 0– 8– 0

To Jams Laroby five pounds 5– 0– 0

To Capt Jonathan Sheldon for keeping of one of Bushes children 17/ pr weke eaver sence Last March meeting £12–19 12–19 –0

Also voted to Saml Kent 9/–6 pr weke for keeping Bushes younges child from March 4th Day untill this time: 40 shilings in money and the Rest in Town Pay the whole is £17–12– 6

To Saml Kent Junr in Town Pay for carting of Clay and making a Bed 20/: for Joseph Trumbel carting Brick one Day 20/: to John Roe one Day an ½ 30/: for Giting a sill for ye Scool hous and making the mantle Tree 8/: a stick for a sleper for Coply Bridge 20/: the whole is £4–18– 0

To Capt Joseph King for Returning of six worents 0–06– 0

8ly. Also voted in money as old Tenr the severall sums anexed to each mans Name (viz): To Saml Kent Junr for 4500 of Brick £9 00 9–00– 0

To sd Kent for Isaac Remington Bilding ye chimney 4–18– 0

To sd Kent for 100½ of Bords 12/ 0–12– 0

To John Granger for 209 feet of Plank 33/ 6 1–13– 6

To William King £3–00 for what he Expended in suing the Trustees of Suffield, and he is to be a Constable to the Town for the same 3–00– 0

To Leut Aseph Levitt for Bords and Nails for the school house £5–9–11 5– 9–11

To Capt Joseph King for Gitting the *Town Gun mended 0– 9– 6

To sd King for Cash Paid the Clerk for entring worent, 0– 9– 0

To Captin Sheldin and Jonathan Smith that Paid Eb'z Southwel what his Demand was more than six Pounds pr acre 3–10–0 3–10– 0

4ly. *Voted* to Rais seventy five pound old Tenr to Gitt a Town stock of Powder and Led and Flints.

5ly. *Voted* that the prise of Grain be as foloeth (vis) Wheat 16/ Rie 12/ Barly 12/ Indian Corn 8/ ots 5/ flax 2/ 6d.

6ly. *Voted* to Except of the Reporte of the Commite Respecting that highway by Jonathan Parson Down to Winser Line whare thay have gon acording to ye vote Respecting that mater in a Town meeting held May 13.th 1745.

7ly. The Return of sd Commitee is as foloeth. (Vis.)

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*See foot note p. 203.

HIGHWAY FROM JONATHAN PARSONS DOWN TO WINDSOR LINE. *

Suffield May 17th. 1745.

Wee the subscribers Pursuant to y^e^ Trust Reposed in us as a Commitee appointed by the Town of said Suffield To consult with the inhabitants of the Town of Simsbury as we are adjoyning Neighbours and in Regard thare Interest and the Interests of our Towns Inhabitants are considerably Related in Respect of ways to com to gather for conversh we have Diligently consulted with y^e^ Commitee appointed by the Town of said Simsbery and in order to comode s^d^ Towns or Inhabetants for conveniente highway &c: thay have complyed to Reasionable mesure as may att Large be Discovered to the Town att a convenant opertunity, or in shorte thay have Laid out a Road of three Rods wide from the North and South Roads that Run by Danell Sheldings by Jeremiah Levitt or that Runs toward Rattle Snak Plain: from said Road all along Westward in the Township of Suffield whare it was most convenant all on y^e^ cost of the Town of s^d^ Simsbery; and Likwis thay have bin att the cost of Directing a Road of Three Rods wide in Simsbery Bound through Joseph Forwards Land about fifty Rods wide s^d^ Forwards Lot is —— and Likwise the s^d^ Simsbery Committee have Laid out a Road North and South between said Simsbery and Suffield from Dan^ll^ Shelding Down to the West Iron Works in s^d^ Suffield S^d^ Road all taken out of S^d^ Simsbery Land and Runs all along in Simsbery Bound Down to S^d^ Iron Works.

And we have Laid out agreeable to what was Presuposed by our Town of Suffield att thare Town meeting &c:—a highway from the Road of Wind^sor^ Bounds Nesesary for our S^d^ Inhabitants and began att S^d^ Road in S^d^ Windser Bounds (vis): the Rond that is Laid out in S^d^ Windser Bounds from Mr Isaac Owens Through Mr John Thralls Land &c: and whare S^d^ Road ended we begun as afore s^d^ & for the first Last Bounds of s^d^ highway in the Province Line att the corner of Caleb Winchels Lot we sat stake and stone: & mesured Three Rods West and thare for the West Bound wee sat stake and stone: thence Northward to the end of S^d^ Caleb Winchels Land and thare for the East Bounds sat stake and stone and mesured Three Rods westward and thare for the west Bounds sat up stake and stone: thence Norward on the west side of said highway to a white ocke tree that for the west Bounds of S^d^ highway and from s^d^ tree we mesured Three Rods East and for the Bounds sat up stak and Stone: Thence we Run Northward on the west side s^d^ Road to y^e^ North east corner of Land belonging to the Heirs of Elijah Owen Desesed, and thare we sat up a stak and stone for the west Bounds of s^d^ way & so mesured three Rods east and thair sat up a stak and stone for the east Bounds of s^d^ way: thence we Ran Northwardly within the Bounds of the heirs of Mr Joshuah Levitt Land—Late Dececs^d^, untill we come within fiftene Rods of Mr Jonathan Parsons Little Orchard and turning standing Easterly into Mr Isaac Owens Land & so when it coms to y^e^ end of s^d^ Levitt Deces^d^, Land it ends evin all s^d^ highway in s^d^ Owens Land and thence for east and west Bounds three Rods wide stake and stone: Thence wee com Northerly from s^d^ Owin or s^d^ bounds we Run along in John Lewis Land Lying along by s^d^ orchard untill we com to a Black ock tree which was the Bounds betwene

* This highway was relaid (with chain and compass) in 1765. See Town Acts, Vol. 2, p. 119, and Appendix II.

s[d] Lewis Land and s[d] Parsons Land or orcherd which Bound was alowed for the west bounds of s[d] way: and so we from s[d] Black ock tree we mesured three Rods eastwerdly and to another Black ock tree and that we made for the East Bounds of s[d] way: thence we Run Northerly through a strip of Mr Jonathan Parsons Land about twelve Rods in width, also through John Lewis Land to Stonibrook Falls thare for the east bound stake and stone and we mesured on s[d] brook west three Rods within about ten feete of a grate chesnut tree bound with stake and stone:—thence we Run over s[d] brook and three Rods North of s[d] brook and for ye North east corner of s[d] highway we Pitched on a grate Rock by a small wornat Tree with a hep of stones by it for y[e] Bounds: and then terned to y[e] westward along three Rods in width through Mr Jonathan Parsons Land to y[e] Northerly sid of Land belonging to John Stoughton and John Lewis in said Land adjoyning to Mr Jonathan Parsons Land Runing Westwerdly untill it coms to y[e] way Layd out by Simsbery Commitee.

Committee, Jonathan Sheldon, Jonathan Parsons, Sam[l] Harmon.

Att the Annaversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield in order to chuse Town officers for the ensuing year March 10[th] 174§. And accordingly chois was made as followeth.

Sam[ll] Kent, Esqr was chosen Moderater to order said meeting.

Select men—Cap[t] Jon[th] Sheldon, Sam[ll] Kent Esqr, Cap[t] Phineas Lyman, Dudley Kent, Sam[ll] Harmon.

Constables—John Harmon, Jeams Smith, Joseph Brunson.

Town Clerk—Benj[a] Kent.

Town Treasur—Sam[ll] Kent.

Assessors—Sam[ll] Kent Esqr, Dudley Kent, Sam[ll] Harmon.

Tything men—Jos' Remington 2[nd], Nath[ll] Woster, Robert Granger, Aaron Rising.

Fence viewers—Ebenez[r] Noble, Aaron Austin, Joseph Austin, Aaron Rising.

Sealler of Leather—Noah Pumroy.

Sealler of Waights and Measures—Richard Austin.

Hogg Reaves—Jeams Rising, W[m] Austin.

* *To tack care that no body tack mony forbid by Law*—John Marshell, Tho[m] King.

Survayr of Highways—Sam[ll] Hathaway, Joseph Kent, George Norton, Ebenez[r] Southwell, Nath[ll] Norton, Tho[m] Palmer, Joseph Leavitt, Jacob Adams 2[nd], Stephen Remington.

Sam[ll] Kent Esq[r] Mode[r].

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* Massachusetts prohibited the circulation of the paper money of the adjacent Colonies, and substituted a specie currency in place of its old, middle, and new tenor, paper currency, which had sadly depreciated. For its redemption and extinction, Parliament reimbursed the Province (in specie) for its expenses in the conquest of Cape Breton. The amount redeemed was £1,792,236: 5[s]: 1[d], at the rate of about one of specie for ten of paper, and in 1751 the Province bore the name of the "Hard Money Colony." (See foot note p. 235, and Felt's "Mass. Currency.")

Att a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield May 16.th 1746.

1ly Capt Phinehas Lyman was chosen Moder.

2ly *Voted* to allow to Decon Joseph Remington for one year Next comming (he finding Bars for tems and gats for horses) the Libirty of fencing up the Highway along by his hous to his sun Isaac.

3ly *Voted* to sell abought halfe a acre of Land out of ye highway to Jonathan Sikes for a Bulding place.

4ly *Voted* that Capt Joseph King and David Smith Go and measure the Land and mack Reporte att ye next Town meeting.

5ly *Voted* to chus a Commitee to see how thay can Lease the Schoul Land for Longer or shorter time and macke Report att the Next Town meeting.

6ly *Voted* the Commitee Be Esqr Samll Kent, Capt Lyman & Wm King.

7ly *Voted* that the Skowl shall Be Keep one Quarter of the time this year in the West Society that it is Keepe.

8ly *Voted* to hire Edward Burlison to tech children in the Remote Parts of the Town whare the Sellect men think Best or most fitt.

9ly *Voted* to Hire a Nother to tech children in the Remote Parts of the Town and whare the Select men say and such a one as the Sellect men think fitt.

Capt Phineas Lyman, Moder.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Novembr 21st 1746.

1ly Capt Phinehas Lyman was chosen Modr.

2ly *Voted* to alow in Town Pay (old Tenr prise) the soverall soms aficted to each mans Name.

To Timathy Phelps one pound three shillings	£1– 3–0
To John Granger for his salery and warning out Thare and his wife, Grigs and his wife, att	2– 9–0
To Daniel Austin for mending the Pounds	1– 5–0
To John Old for his saliry one Pound	1– 0–0
To Freegrac Norton for Deto	1– 0–0
To David Winchell for Timber fifteen shillings	0–15–0
To Samll Kent for Keeping of Bushes childe one yeare att six shilings pr weeke	15–12–0
To Phinihas Sheldin for Timber Three Pounds	3– 0–0
To Captin Jonathan Sheldin (he taeking Bushes Childe untill its eighteen yeares old) and the Keeping of the Childe the Last yeare at fifteene Pounds	15– 0–0

3ly *Voted* to Raise this yeare to Defray Town Depts Three hundred and fifty Pounds in town Pay and One hundred and fifty Pounds mony.

4ly *Voted* that the Prise of Graine this yeare for Wheat 17/. Rie 13/. Indian Corn 10/ Barly 10/ Ots 5/6: flax 2/8.

Phinehas Lyman.

Att a Leagal Town meeting March 30.th 1747.

1ly Capt Jos King was chosen Moderater.

2ly *Voted* to appint Capt Phinehas Lyman an agent for this town and in our Name to joyn with the Town Committee or agents appinted or to Be appinted by the Towns of Woodstock, Somers & Enfield to mack application to ye Great and General Court of the Province of ye Massachusetts Bay, and General Assembly of Conecticut or to eather of them as the Commitee or the Major Parte of them shall by good advise think best, to obtain our Right in being Released f'm ye sd Province & sett of & allowed to Belong to ye sd Colony of Conecticut as by Law and justice we think we ought to Be: and our sd Comtee are to taek ye best advice thay can obtain in the sd affair in order to obtain the sd end and to be att a Preportionable Parte of ye Cost that shall be expended in sd affair with the sd towns acording to our List.*

3ly Capt Lyman as a agent Not to tack out of the Treasury above Twenty Pounds old Tenr.

4ly Whereas the Comttee for the first setling of ye town of Suffield they Gave the Streems of Stony Brook and Mudy Brook to Collonal Pynchon for ye use of Gristmill and Sawmill, and he sd Pynchon Procedid to build and maintain them for the use of the town untill he Lost Two Gristmill and one Sawmill on which he Grue almost Discouraged and talked of Giving of sd stream to the town, the Profitt being so small and the Loses so Great. On which the town came together and voted all ye Right thay hade to the Streams to any man that would appear and maintain a Gristmill and Sawmill for ye use of the Town; Giving Prefirence in sd vote† unto sd Pynchon, and he Seing the Town so minded he Tock corrage and Bulte againe and so continued to Do by himselfe and Desendants through the unnuity of the town to this time. But now the town hath grown Large som have manifested that thay want more mills: Yet all tho ye town in ye capacity of a town have Never Requested nor Demanded any more mills: and Now I the subscriber holding three quarters of sd stream by Purchis under sd Collanall Pynchon, Propose to to the town in manner following (viz.)

First. To see whether the town will vote I should set up a mill in sum convenant Place in the West Presink.

2ly If they Dont chuse that, to se whether thay will to have me build another mill adjoyning to this I have allredy, to Grinde Indian grain with

As witness my hand this 26 Day of March 1747.

Nathll Austin.

5ly. *Voted* that Dot Nathall Austin shall (when he has clered his title to ye stream) Build a mill in the West Parte of the town.

Att the Annaversary Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Suffield Qualified to vote in order to chuis Town officers March ye 9th 174¼.

1ly. Capt Phinehas Lyman was chosen Moderater.

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* The long smothered revolt of these towns under the lead of Capt. Phinehas Lyman (afterwards Major-General Lyman) was crowned with lasting success, in 1749. See pp. 11, 206, 308. Also Vol. II, Hartford Co. Hist., p. 397. For some account of Gen. Lyman's life and history, reference is had to Hoadly's Col. Records; Trumbull's and Hollister's Histories of Conn.; Dwight's Travels, Vols. I and III; Bliss's Address to the Hampshire Co. Bar in 1826; Fowler's Hist. of Durham, Ct.; Holland's Western Mass., Vol. I.

† See pp. 14, 62.

Select men — Cap^{t} Phinehas Lyman, Medad Pumry, John Old, John Granger, John King.

Assessors — Cap^{t} Phinehas Lyman, Medad Pumroy, Joshua King.

Town Clerk — Benj^{a} Kent.

Constables — Joseph King Jun^{r}, Phinehas Sheldon, W^{m} Haloday Jun^{r}.

Town Tres — Cap^{t} Lyman.

Hogg Reaves — Joseph Austin, Sam^{ll} Gillit.

Tythen men — John Leavitt, Nath^{ll} Norton, Amas Kent, Jona^{t} Remington, Uriah Austin, Eb^{a} King.

Fence viewers — Philip Nellson, Aaron Rising, Nath^{ll} Woster, John Roe, Joseph Smith, Isaac Haloday.

Servayrs of Highways — John Granger, Aaron Austin, Jona^{t} Sheldon Jun^{r}, Sam^{ll} Remington 2^{d}, Joshua Kindoll Jun^{r}, Aaron Rising, Joseph Kent, Mosses Rising, Daniel Spencer.

Deare Reaves — W^{m} King, Abr^{m} Burbank.

Gager of Drink — John King.

Sealer of Lether — Isaac Mixer.

Seler of waights and measures — Aaron Hitchcock.

Allso Voted to the severall Persons after Named in old Ten^{r} the sums aficted to each mans Name.

To Sam^{ll} Kent Jun^{r} for his being Town Tres^{r} forty shiling p^{r} yeare Whair he hant had it of y^{e} Town.

To Aaron Hitchcock Nine shilings.	£0–09–0
To John Leavitt Twelve shilings.	0–12–0
To Freegrace Norton Jun^{r} seventeen shillings.	0–17–0
To Richard Austin Three shillings ———.	0–03–0
To Thomas Granger for Land for a highway.	7–10–0

Voted to Keepe three Scholls in the Remote parts of the Town whair the Selectmen thing Best.

Voted Liberty to Cap^{t} Sam^{ll} Kent, Cap^{t} Phinehas Lyman and Sam^{ll} Smith and thair Heirs to Keep a Corne mill whair thair mill Nowe stand thay Damnifiing Nobody by floing thare Land.

Jacob Huthaway and John Burbank enterd thair Docent against the vote Respecting the mill.

y^{e} above are True Entries.

Phin^{a} Lyman Moder^{tr}.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitant of Suffield May 8.th 1747.

1^{ly} Cap^{t} Phin^{a} Lyman was chosen moderater.

2^{ly} *Voted* to allow Deacon Remington to contino his fence across the Highway that Runs by his house for one yeare as it Now stands he keeping handy and convenant Bars for travilling and allowing a free passage through his Land by his house Down to y^{e} Iron works.

Phin^{a} Lyman Moder^{tr}.

We Jonathan Worthington & Sam[ll] Mirik Both of Springfield in the County of Hampshire Being appointed by the Select men of said Springfield and we Dudley Kent, Meddad Pumry, John Granger and Abraham Burbank: Being appointed by the Selectmen of said Suffield to preambelate and to Renew the Bounds betwix[t] said Springfield and Suffield — and we began att y[e] Great River at y[e] North side of a Hollow Place or a Guter that Runs into y[e] Greate River a Little Below three mild Brook att a Heape of stones By a yaler ock tree marked S upon y[e] North side and S upon the South side: then Running a Lettle Westward to a Large swamp white ock tree alik marked: then to a small black ock tree a Little Norwestward of Sikes saw mill so mark: then a Little west to a Pine tree alicke markt: then att a Stak standing att the stump of an originall Bound tree falin Down on the South side of Talers field: then to a white ock tree alicke markt as afour[ed] on the south side of Talers field: then to a white ock alike markt: then to a white ock tree a Little westerly of Taylers field alike markt: then to a white ock tree alicke markt Standing upon Pine hill: then to a yalow ock tree alike markt standing a Little y[e] west side of Jonathan Remingtons field a Little west of a small Brook: then to a white oak tree alicke markt Standing Northeast of W[m] Kings field: then to a Pipredg tree alike markt Standing Norward of S[d] Kings field: then to a white oak tree Standing Norcast Side of Filers Brook which tree is alicke markt: then to a Chesnut tree at y[e] five corner meadow: then to a Large Pine tree alicke markt Standing a Little west of the Path that goes to Westfield: then to a Large Pine tree standing on the East Side of Muddy Brook: then to a Pine alicke markt Standing y[e] west side of a cove y[t] Runs into Thomas Kings meadow: then to a Larg Pine tree alicke markt Standing Southerd of Burlisons Brook: then to a yalow oak tree alicke markt Standing eastward of Burlisons Brook att y[e] turn of it — then over the Brook to a tree alicke markt: then to a white oak tree alicke markt: then to a heap of Stons with a Blak oak staddle Standing by it alicke markt: then to y[e] wooden Bridge tree Standing upon ye mountaing Neare ye wooden bridg: which several tree as before said we have markt as afour s[d] with S on y[e] North side and S upon y[e] South side: As witness our hands this Eleven Day of May Anno Domini 1747.*

Jonathan Worthington, Sam[ll] Mirik.
Dudley Kent. Meddad Pumroy.
John Granger. Abr[m] Burbank.

December 28.[d] 1747. Att a Legal Town Meeting on said Day above s[d].

1[st] Capt[t] Phinihas Lyman was chosen Moder[tr] to order s[d] meeting.

2[ly] *Voted* in old Ten[r] as folo[w]: (Vis.)

To John Granger for plank and Runing the Line with Springfield -	2– 0–0
To Meddad Pumry for Runing the Line with Springfield - -	0–10–0
To Leu[t] Hitchcock 8–8 - - - - - - - -	0– 8–8
To Dudley Kent for Runing y[e] Line 10/ - - - -	0–10–0
To Abr[m] Burbank Deto 10/ - - - - - -	0–10–0

*See Appendix F and G for a history of Suffield's north boundary from the Connecticut River to the old Westfield line at Rising's Notch. The line was again perambulated in 1769. It was made the State Line in 1803 and so remains. (See Private Laws of Conn., Vol. II, p. 1540.)

To John Burbank for Timber 12 - - - - - 0-12-0
To Do[t] Nath[ll] Austin for Plank 56/ - - - - - 2-16-0
To Abr[m] Burbank for Timber 10/ - - - - - 0-10-0
To John Norton for Deto 14/ - - - - - - 0-14-0
To Jacob Hathaway Deto 8/ - - - - - - 0- 8-0
To John Rising for Deto 8/ - - - - - - 0- 8-0
To Sam[ll] Kent Esq[r] Deto 2/ - - - - - - 0- 2-0
To Sam[ll] Hathaway for 122 feete of Plank all 20/ p[r] hundred.
To Dudley Kent for his feching up y[e] Powder and Paying the fraight 34/ - - - - - - - - 1-14-0
To Cap[t] King for Runing the Line with Westf[d] - - - 0-12-0
To W[m] King for Deto 12/ - - - - - - 0-12-0
To Abr[m] Burbank for Deto - - - - - - 0-12-0
To James Smith for Salery and Warning out Persons out of y[e] Town all 40/ - - - - - - - 2- 0-0
To Sam[ll] Harmon for Salery 20/ - - - - - 1- 0-0
To Joseph Brunson for Deto 20/ - - - - - 1- 0-0
To Henry Blogget for Keeping the wench 25/ - - - 1-05-0
To Dan[ll] Kent for Plank 63 ft 20 p[r] hundred.

8[ly] *Voted* to Chus Cap[t] Lyman and Sam[ll] Kent as a Commitee to Lock into y[e] mater about y[e] Devition of y[e] *Ministry Land and mak Reporte att y[e] Next Town Meeting.

4[ly] *Voted* to alow unto John Granger Jon[t] Foxes Rates.

5[ly] *Voted* to give Sam[ll] Kent 15 pounds for y[e] Keeping Bushes child Last year provided he will tack s[d] child untill it is Eighteen yeare old.

6[ly] *Voted* that Joseph King and John Pengely be a Committe (on Dan[ll] Adams cost) to Loek into y[e] mater about a Bilding Place in y[e] highway and mack Report att y[e] Next meeting.

7[ly] *Voted* that y[e] Selectmen Loek into y[e] Tres[y] and order how much mony shall be Rased this yeare, and allso alow for Mr Ab[r] Burbank Bords, and allso to alow for Bulls.

Att the Annaversary Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Suff[d] Quallifyed to vote in Town meetings March 14.[th] 174¼.

Medad Pumry was chosen Moderater to order said meeting.

Select men — Cap[t] P. Lyman, Sam[ll] Harmon, John Old, John King, Medad Pumry.

Town Clerk — Benj[a] Kent.

Town Treas[r] — Cap[t] P Lyman.

Assessors — Cap[t] P Lyman, Sam[ll] Harmon, John King.

Constables — Ebez' Smith 2[d], Joseph Kent, Joseph King.

Fence Viewers — W[m] King Jun[r], Moses Rising, Eb[e] King, Robert Granger, Jarat Huxley Jun[r], Sam[ll] Norton.

Tything men — Nath[ll] Harmon 3[d], John Hanchit 2[d], Josep Brunson, David Granger, John Roe.

Surveyers of Highways — Zebelon Adams, W[m] Austin, Jeremiah Granger,

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* For some account of Ministry Land see pp. 18, 55, 76.

Tho Spencer, Tho Norton, Ruben Harmon, John Hanchit 2d, John Harmon 2d, Zack Hanchit.

Sealer of Leather — Caleb Austin.

Sealer of Wait and Measurs — Aaron Hitchcock.

Hog Reaves — Nathll Woster, Nathll Hall.

Dear Reaves — John Adams, Abrm Burbank.

We whos Names are under writen Do Protest against chusing of Sellectmen without writen voats.

Samll Harmon, Aaron Rising,
Samll Roe, Joseph Austin,
Jerat Huxly, Nathll Norton,
Wm Straton, Joseph Hale.

Voted unto Capt P Lyman for Being Tresr Last Yeare in old Tenr forty shillings, - - - - - - - - - - 2- 0-0

To Joseph King for warning out Persons this year Past, Twenty Eight shiling old Tenr . - - - - - 1- 8-0

To Timothy Phelps for mending of the Coute house, - - 0-12-0

Medad Pumry Moderlr.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of Suffield May 16. 1748.

1ly. Capt P Lyman was chosen Moderater.

2ly. *Voted* that thair shall Be a Schowl Cep in the West Parish.

3ly. *Voted* that thair shall be one moving schowl in ye Easte part whair the Sellect Men think most Proper.

4ly. *Voted* To persue the mater of Giting of into Connecticut.

5ly. *Voted* that Lewt Aseph Leavitt Be Joyned as an agent with Capt Lyman to Prosecute the affair of Geeting of to Connecticut; who are joyntly & severly Impowered to make application to ye General Court at Connecticut to Receive us under their Jurisdiction and Protect us, and to mack application to ye Great and General Court of this Provinc to Be Relesed from thair Jurisdiction, and with ye agents of Woodstock, Somers, & Enfield, to Do any thing Necessary to Prepair the Case for a tryall att ye Court att Greate Brittain, if we cant obtain our Right without, and to be at our Preportionable parte of ye Cost with sd Towns acording to the Respective List of each Town, allowing the major Parte of the agents upon good advice shall govern the affair.

December yn 12.th 1748. Att a Legal Town meeting on sd Day

1st Capt Phinehas Lyman was chosen Moder.

2ly. *Voted* to Leve it with ye Sellect Men to se who was Paid of them orders that John Adams had to pay, and order out them thay found was not Paid.

3ly. *Voted* to alow to ye men herafter Named the soms to each mans Nam in old Tenr.

To John Granger for Plank and Timber 57/ - - - - 2-17-0

To Samll Granger 2d for Timber 24/ - - - - - 1- 4-0

To Wm King for Plank 22/ - - - - - - 1- 2-0

To Jacob Adams for timber 10/ - - - - - 0-10-0

To Posthumas Sikes for timber 5/ - - - - - 0 -5-0
To Thoᵐ Granger for timber 24/ - - - - - 1 -4-0
To Zackeas and Ezra Hanchit for timber 45/ - - - - 2- 5-0
To Toᵐ Norton for timber 7/ - - - - - - 0-07-0
To Daniel Smith for timber 4/ - - - - - - 0-04-0
To Ens: Joshua Kindal for timber 8/ - - - - - 0-08-0
To Joseph King Juʳ for a Sallery one year 20/ - - - 1-00-0
To Wᵐ Haloday Deto 20/ - - - - - - 1-00-0
To Phinehas Shelden Deto 20/ - - - - - - 1-00-0

4ly. *Voted* to Raise for this year to Defray the Charges Necessary in yᵉ town, four hundred pounds - - - - - 400-00-0

5ly. *Voted* that the Sellect Men in the Spring by a good cow and Let Jeam Leraby have, to helpe him mainetaine his child; and att yᵉ fall of yᵉ year if yᵉ child Lives the Sellect men with Jeams swop the cow, or Do that thay shall think Best in order that sᵈ Aby shall have the cow or some other for meate. Allso the meane while sᵈ Leraby to have 5-0-0.

6ly. *Voted* to Leave it with the Sellect Men to alow Meadad Pumry and Aaron Austin for som Plank.

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* Att a General Town Meeting of yᵉ inhabitants of Suffield (held March 18. 1748-9.) in order to chuse Town Officers for yᵉ year insuing is as followeth (viz) 1ly. Major P. Lyman was chosen Moderater to order sᵈ meeting.

Select Men — Major Lyman, Capᵗ Samᵘ Kent, Medad Pumroy, Samᵘ Harmon, John King.

Town Clerk — Benjᵃ Kent.

Town Tresʳ — Major P Lyman.

Constables — Caleb Austin, John Leavitt, Nathᵘ Smith.

Assessors — Major P Lyman, Capᵗ Samᵘ Kent, Samᵘ Harmon.

Fence Viewers — Jonathan Remington, Jonathan Dewey, Decᵃ John Harmon. Joseph Hale.

Tything Men — Rubin Harmon, Thᵉ Norton, Posthumas Sikes.

Sealer of Leather — Noah Pumroy.

Sealer of Waights and Measures — Lewᵗ Aaron Hitchcock.

Serveyers of Highways — John Norton, Jeams Smith, Jonathan Sikes, Noah Pumroy, Elijah Kent, Phinihas Sheldon, Thᵉ Granger, Ebezʳ Smith, Ebᵃ Noble, Benjᵃ Granger.

Hogg Reaves — Timothy Hale, Timothy Mather.

Dear Reaves — Daniel Adams, Wᵐ King Junʳ.

Gager of Caskes — John King.

To take care that No Body take Rod Island mony that is forbid by Law† — John Marshal.

2ly. *Voted* to sell the Skool Land and to Leave it with yᵉ Commitee (thay taking Land security for yᵉ mony) and the Commity are Major Lyman, Capᵗ Samᵘ Kent, Ensᵉ Wᵐ King, Insᵉ Abrᵐ Burbank, and John Old.

3ly. *Voted* that thair be Layd out a Highway under the Mounting from the

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* The last town meeting under Massachusetts government.

† See note p. 301.

Highway that goes out by Noah Pumroys to Springfield Line by woodin bridge of three or four Rods wide. The Com[t] Jos' King, W[m] King.

4[ly]. *Voted* to Dec[n] Remington Liberty to fence up the Highway Whare it Goes threw his Land for one year, he Keeping a Hors Gate and bars for a terme.

5[ly]. *Voted* to W[m] Halody Jun[r] John Stockwell Rates, and Benj Gridges; Giving Security that if he can git s[d] Gridges he will Pay it to the Town.

6[ly]. *Voted* to John Hale for one hundred and halfe of Plank	3-0-0
To Sam[ll] Hathaway for Deto Three Pounds	3-0-0
To Major Lyman for his Salery as Tres[r]	2-0-0
To Major Lyman for his being an Atorny for the town	3-8-0

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*Att a General Towne Meeting by authority from Coneticut in order to chuse Town Officers for the yere insuing December 4[th] Day 1749

Select Men — Major Lyman, Capt Sam[ll] Kent, Leu[t] Aseph Leavitt, Medad Pumroy, Sam[ll] Harmon.

Town Tres[r]— Major Lyman.

Town Clerk — Benj[a] Kent.

Constables — Caleb Austin Grand Constable, the others are John Leavitt and Nath[ll] Smith.

Listers —W[m] King, Dudley Kent, Silas Kent.

Fence Vewers — Joseph Brunson, W[m] Haloday Jun[r], Aaron Rising, Jonathan Sheldon 2[d].

Branders — Medad Pumroy, Zefeniah Taler.

Grand Jurys — John Old, Jonathan Remington 2[d].

Servayers of Highways — Timothy Phelps, Jarat Huxley Jun[r], Tho[s] Granger, John Norton, Siman Kindal, William King Jun[r], Nath[ll] Woster, Phinehas Sheldon, Matthew Copley Jun[r], Dan[ll] Smith.

Colectors — Caleb Austin, Nath[ll] Smith, John Leavitt.

Seler of Leather — Caleb Austin.

Seler of Waits and Mesures — Aaron Hitchcock.

Tything Men — Jo[s] King, Elijah Sheldon.

1[ly]. *Voted* to alow Jeams Smith, Sam[ll] Elsworth Rates.

2[ly]. *Voted* to Daniel Remington the money that he was over Rated in that Rate when William Haloday and Phineas Sheldon was Constables, and likewise the Coste of being Strained and Interest.

3[ly]. *Voted* to Caleb Austin forty Shiling for Caring a man to Infield by a Worent from Capt Kellogg.

4[ly]. *Voted* to Capt Kellogg for y[e] Worent — 20/.

5[ly]. *Voted* to Esq[r] Bisall for Comming up — 40/.

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* This was the first Town Meeting under the Connecticut government. Esq[r] Daniel Bissell was a Justice of the Peace from Windsor. His errand was probably to administer oaths to the Town Officers, in Connecticut form.

END OF PERIOD III.

APPENDIX

TO THE

DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

OF

SUFFIELD.

APPENDIX.

To supply a more complete description of the town's early books of record than is contained in the Preface, the following is added.

The first Suffield Town Book of Records is a folio volume of 267 pages. It contained the "Acts of the Committee" for settling the town from 1671 to 1682, all in the handwriting of Major John Pynchon, and a record of lands granted and distributed to proprietors and settlers before 1716. It also contained all the records of town meetings, called "Town Acts," from 1682 to 1724. What remains of the book is priceless, for it contains the original record of the history of Suffield's town government in its first half century. The penmanship of Major John Pynchon, and Anthony Austin, the first town clerk, is admirable.

In 1789, Joseph Winchell, the third town clerk, compiled an index to this volume, which is preserved. Its completion was celebrated in verse by the compiler, as follows:

"This Alphabet was made: with such intent,
Mispence of time: and money to prevent,
Which double end: I hope it will obtain,
So that no loss: but all may turn to gain:
For thus twill be: when any come in haste,
To search the records: who hav'nt time to waste,
They'l quickly find: the thing which they do need—
Then bid farewell: and haste away with speed.
Which practice, I do hope that none will blame,
Til Joseph Winchel change his mind and name,
Which wont be quick: the reason is because—
His name and mind, are like the Persian laws."

In 1771 the town ordered a transcription of that part of the original book relating to the "Tenure of Lands," which included the "Acts of the Committee." The work was completed in 1774, before the "Old Book" was seriously mutilated. It is a folio of 425 written pages. The transcribed matter occupies 296 pages; the remainder of the volume contains records of bonds, leases, boundary lines, fence divisions, and highways, commingled, bearing date from 1775 to 1882.

The Transcription Committee, at the close of their labors, left on record a memorial with their autographal signatures, and commemorated the event in verse.

SUFFIELD March: 26th, 1774.

We the subscribers, pursuant to a vote of the Inhabitants of Suffield made and past in a lawfull Town Meeting, held at Suffield Decr, 1771, authorizing and appointing us a Commtee to Transcribe the first Book of Records of this Town, in order to transmit to Posterity those Transactions entire: to wit: those that related, or do relate to the Tenure of Lands, (the first Book now

through Time going to Decay,) have with great care and pains now Completed the same, for the Benefit of the Rising generations; that is to say; all that Touches the Title of Land. All which is contained in the foregoing Sheets, in Which it will appear by a variety of notes that We have made, that we have purposely passed over the Choice of Town Officers, such as Select Men, Constables, &c; Where Land was not concerned; the end & Design as above mention[d] regarding nothing but Land. All which is faithfully Transcribed, and now by us Reposited, and laid up for the Benefit and Advantage of Ages not now born; and as a Testimonial to the Truth of this Transcription, We hereto set our Hands, the day and year abovesaid.

AARON HITCHCOCK,
JOHN LEAVITT,
GIDEON GRANGER, } Comm[tee].

"The Volume now Compleat, the Labor done,
Each Consecrated line tis hop[d] will run,
Constant attendant, down with Sliding years,
In whose first Sheets Conspicuous appears,
How to the north, by Springfield we are Join[d];
How at the East our Borders are Confin[d]
On fam[d] Connecticut: How Windsor Plain
Stops short our Southern Extent; how again
Simsb'ry, and Southwick with unequall Force,
Measure to us Our Narrow[d] Western Course.
Next to these utmost limits here succeeds
Our Great Committees Wisdom, Care and Deeds,
Fir[d] with pious views, and pious Cares
And fixt Intent, their Children should be Heirs
To an estate more lasting far, than life,
Which must survive the Worlds Convulsive Strife.
On a Tall Summit, pointing to the skies,
See God's Own House, and Holy Temple rise,
Warm[d] with Devotion, here they Humbly Seek
Blessings Divine, on Each Revolving Week,
By faith Imploring, at the Fathers Throne,
The Pardon purchased by Christ the Son."

PROPRIETORS' BOOKS.

Two other volumes contain the Acts of the Proprietors and the record of the division of all the common lands that remained undivided in 1716.

The first volume is chiefly devoted to the "Equalizing Grant" made in 1720 to those who had not received their just share in former divisions, etc., the division of the mountains in 1742, and preliminary measures for a division of the common lands west of the mountain in 1756. Joseph Winchell was proprietors' clerk from 1716 until his death by apoplexy in 1748. This volume is also graced with his verse.

"MEMORANDUM.

"BY JOSEPH WINCHELL.

"Great Debts requier the greater Care to pay,
Wise Men provide against the Accounting day,
Go, Run, Ride, Swim, use every Honnist Way,
Rather than Poverties Commands Obey.

"Truths always Truth, in Age and Youth —
Tis neither Old nor Young —
This is as true, now said of Truth,
As ever was spoke by Tongue.

"This I have Writ, as I thought fit—
A Line or two in Haste—
Well knowing it, that Tis not fit,
I precious time should Waste."

The Index to this volume, made by Joseph Winchell, is dedicated as follows:

"He thats inclined, to look and find,—
What he does want and need;—
This Alphabet, I think most fit;
To help in Haste, and speed."

The second Proprietors' Book contains acts relating to the division of the "Great Common" east of the Mountain in 1725, estimated to number about 2,100 acres. After this division was allotted, there was found remaining about 625 acres, which was divided in 1742, and is recorded as the *second division of the Great Common. The latter part of the book contains the record of lands west of the mountain, divided in 1759, as ordered in 1756. This was the last distribution of the common lands in Suffield. The laying out of lands on former divisions ended in 1784. An effete organization was maintained for half a century later, to look after any possible remaining proprietary rights.

In 1821, it was voted to deposit the "Proprietors' Books of Records" with the town clerk.

The last proprietors' meeting was held at Richard Clark's inn, at West Suffield, June 5, 1826. After choosing officers (whose successors have never been appointed), the meeting was dissolved, upon the passage of the following:

"Voted: we would take something to drink. Meeting Dissolved."

The town books for recording marriages, births, and deaths are the next in point of age and interest. The first is a small folio bearing a date of 1702. Its entries indicate that it was in use from the time of the town's organization in 1682 to 1740. It also contains records of intentions of marriage, estrays, and ear-marks for cattle, sheep, etc. It is sadly shattered by the wear of two centuries, and more than thirty pages are lost. Yet it is one of the most valued and interesting relics in the town's archives.

A second book, containing similar records from 1740 to 1762, is not found.

A third book of births, marriages, and deaths, from 1762 to 1799, is in good condition.

In December, 1799, the town ordered the town clerk (Alexander King) to "collect and transcribe all the records of marriages, births, and deaths into one Book." He had completed the transcription, with an index, in an admirable manner before his death, which occurred October 12, 1702. This book is now styled, "Suffield Records, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Vol. 1."

"A."

FORMATION OF THE SECOND ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

The inhabitants of the west part of the town of Suffield petitioned the Massachusetts General Court in May, 1739, to be "set off" a distinct society. The majority in town meeting opposed the project, and appointed an agent

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*There were two *Second* Divisions of lands,—the first in 1688, under the Town Government, the last under the Proprietary Government. The latter (625 acres) should be added to the 14,000 acres stated in note, p. 194.

to make answer at the General Court, why they should not be "set off." (Appendix B.)

The General Court "recommended an accommodation of the matter." Each party accordingly appointed a committee, who referred the whole "controversie" to another committee, mutually agreed upon. (Appendix C.)

Dec. 14, 1739, the referees reported favorably for the petitioners, and fixed the boundary lines between the societies. (Appendix D.)

The General Court ratified the report of the referees, and the westerly part of the town of Suffield was "set off a separate and distinct precinct," Jan. 1, 1740. (Appendix E.)

"B."

A summary, or brief in the hand-writing of Joseph King, Gent^{n}, giving reasons why the town should not be divided into Eccl societies, has been preserved, and is as follows:

"Memorandum. The Township (is) too scant for 2 Precincks, the improvable part not being y^{e} Contents of 5 mile square, and the land being broken, or a mixture of plowing, pastureing & mowing together, that to separate each part by itself requires so much fence that y^{e} product will scarce pay for y^{e} labour. The low circumstances of y^{e} Inhabitants Render us incapable to subsist 2 Ministers, and to build 2 houses, for although we are a considerable number of Inhabitants, yet the consumption of provisions must be in proportion to our numbers, and the produce of our Lands has never yet been sufficient for our subsistence since y^{e} Town has stood, saving about 2 years past in an extraordinary time of plenty. For we being so many have but every one a little, and of a little can spare but a little. For although we have y^{e} number of almost 200 families, yet there are of house-holders about 20 y^{t} their List dont exceed 5£; 10 between 5£ & 10£; and 20 between 10 & 15£; and 19 between 15 & 20£; So that there are about 70 y^{t} are not voters in Town affairs.

"There are 23 between 20 & 25£; & 18 between 25 & 30£. As to the Petitioners being let off under a notion of their increasing in numbers is a misapprehension, for their is but a Little more Land there Improveable, besides what belongs to L^{t} (Jonathan) Sheldon* and to partikular men in the Town, and especially if Springfield get their demand upon, which it is to be feared they will, the jurisdiction at least, which will Reduce the Township on y^{e} West part to but about 3 mile & ¼ at the most between Simsbury Corner and Springfield Line, and a Considerable Land y^{t} is under improvement belongs to y^{e} East part which they improve for Winter Corn. The West part being set off, will lay y^{e} other Extream parts of y^{e} Town who were the first Planters, under a great difficulty by advancing their charges, who have always undergone greater difficulty in geting to Meeting than they; by reason of the badness of the way. The great inconvenience of Breaking Towns into small Precincts makes parties in Towns, and being unable to give y^{t} honorable support

* Capt. Jonathan Sheldon was the founder of the Sheldon Street clan, and built the Sheldon House there in 1728–4. (See Memorial History of Hartford County.) He was a large landholder there, and settled five sons upon farms around him. His daughter Silence, married Rev. Jon^{a} Judd, and was the great grandmother of Judd the Historian of Hadley. His daughter Mary, married the Rev. John Graham, the first minister at West Suffield.

to Ministers which is meet, has a tendency to breed discord between Minister & People, and proves a wound to Religion : and no man of learning and parts will be willing to settle in such places : and so they must take up with weak means, which opens a door for seducers to infuse Corrupt principles, and bring a scandal upon Religion.

"The extream charges of y^e^ Province & war approaching to be considered."

"C."

Whereas wee the Subscribers, Joseph King & Sam^ll^ Kent, Gent^m^ and William King. yeoman, all of Suffield in the County of Hampshire, A Committee apointed by the s^d^ Town of Suffield to Represent them against those Inhabitants of the Western part of said Town, that are endeavouring to be set off a distinct Society on y^e^ one part, and Jon^a^ Sheldon, Gent^m^, Sam^ll^ Kent the Second, Noah Smith y^e^ Second, and Ebenez^r^ Southwell, yeoman, all of Suffield a Committee appointed by the Inhabitants that are desirous to be a distinct Society in y^e^ Westerly part of s^d^ Town, on the other part, haveing met this 16^th^ day of November Anno Dom^e^ 1789, to see if wee Could Come to any agreement Respecting said Controversie, have now mutualy agreed to Refer the said Controversie to y^e^ Consideration and determination of y^e^ Hono^ble^ John Stoddard of Northampton in s^d^ County Esq^r^, the Hono^ble^ Roger Woollcot of Windsor in the County of Hartford, Esq^r^, and William Pitkin of Hartford in s^d^ County, Esq^r^, they or any Two of them agreeing and giving up their determination in writing to Each party, under their hands respecting the following particulars in a Convenient time, it is to be a final determination of s^d^ Controversie the particulars to be determin^d^ as follows. (Viz) 1^st^, Whether y^e^ Westerly part of Suffield afores^d^ shall be set off a distinct Society or precinct by themselves. 2^nd^ly, How far said precinct shall extend, if they determine there shall be one. 3^d^ly : What part, or whether all y^e^ Cost, y^e^ People of y^e^ s^d^ Westerly part of the Town have already been at, is Reasonable Cost that so y^e^ Town may know what sum y^e^ Town must pay y^e^ s^d^ people of y^e^ westerly part of s^d^ Town agreeable to a vote that they would pay them what reasonable Cost they have already been at in case they would agree with them in the choice of a committee &c.

In witness of all which wee the said parties have hereto set our hands & Seals the day and year above s^d^.

Joseph King & seal, Sam^ll^ Kent 3^d^ & seal, W^m^ King & seal, Jonthan Sheldon & seal, Sam^ll^ Kent 2^nd^ & seal, Ebenez^r^ Southwell & seal, Noah Smith 2^nd^ & seal.

Wee the subscribers committee as within mentioned, having met Together and report the failure of Roger Woollcot Es^r^ Coming. Wee have made Choice of W^m^ Pynchon Jun^r^ Esq^r^, to supply his place, to make final Determination as is within mentioned, as witness our hands this 11^th^ day of December, 1789.

Joseph King, Samuel Kent 3^d^, W^m^ King, Jon^a^ Sheldon, Sam^ll^ Kent 2^nd^, Ebenez^r^ Southwell, Noah Smith 2^nd^.

A True Copy of the Original which was Deliv^d^ to Jonathan Sheldon & Comp^a^ by consent of Joseph King &c.

John Stoddard.
Exam^d^ P^r^ W^m^ Pitkin.
W^m^ Pynchon Jun^r^.

"D."

Whereas we the Subscribers, John Stoddard, W^m^ Pitkin, and W^m^ Pynchon Jun^r^ Esq^rs^, having been appointed by Joseph King and Sam^ll^ Kent 3^d^, Gentl^mn^, & W^m^ King, Yeoman, all of Suffield in the County of Hampsh^r^, a Committee appoint^d^ by the said Town of Suffield to Represent them against those Inhabitants of the Western part of the said Town that were endeavouring to be set off a Distinct Society on the one part, and Jonathan Sheldin, Gent^m^, Sam^l^ Kent the 2^d^, Noah Smith 2^d^, and Ebenezer Southwell Yeomen, all of s^d^ Suffield, a committee appoint^d^ by those Inhabitants that are Desirous to be a Distinct Society in the Westerly Part of said Town, on the other Part, Referrees to Hear & Determine the Controversie of the s^d^ Parties, upon the following Particulars, Viz:

1. Whether the Westerly Part of said Suffield shall be set off a Distinct Society or Precinct by themselves.

2. How far the said Precinct shall extend, if Determined by us there shall be one.

3. What Part, or whether all the Cost the People of the s^d^ Westerly Part of the Town have been at, is Reasonable Cost, that so the Town may know what sum they must pay the s^d^ People of the Westerly Part of s^d^ Town, agreeable to a Vote of the s^d^ Town &c.

Accordingly we met at Suffield aforesaid on the 11^th^ day of December Anno Dom^l^, 1789. Having viewed the several Parts of the s^d^ Town, the situation of the several Inhabitants thereof, Heard the Parties aforcs^d^, and Maturely Considered the matters Referr^d^, do adjudge and Determine that the Westerly Part of the said Town of Suffield, be set off a separate and Distinct Precinct, by the Bounds and Limits Hereafter Described, that is to say, beginning at the South Westerly corner of Thomas Sheldins Homelot, about three quarters of a mile Westerly of the Meeting-House, and from the s^d^ corner of the s^d^ Homelot, the line to run Southerly a Strait Course to the Westerly side of the now Dwelling House of Thomas Spencer, standing near the Highway leading from the Town to Tainters Hill, So Called, and from the said Westerly side of said Spencers House, the same Course to the Collony Line. And from the s^d^ corner of the said Sheldins lot to Run sometimes Northerly & sometimes Westerly in the Highway Leading from thence as the Highway Runs to James Barlows, Joseph Kents, Noah Kents, and Joseph Hastings & so on in the s^d^ Highway until it meets the Highway leading from Joseph Pumroys to the Northerly end of the Town, and from the meeting of the said Highways North, a Line Run by the needle of the Instrument to Springfield bounds, & all the lands from the said bounds or Lines, from Easterly to Westerly & from Northerly to Southerly, belonging to the s^d^ Town, be the extent of said Precinct. Saving that all the Persons Hereafter named, Together with their Lands and Estate, Lying and being within the bounds aforementioned be and Remain to the other Part of said Town, and not to be subjected to any Taxes within the said Precinct, Namely:

Joseph Remington, Benajah Austin, W^m^ Hamblin, John Hale, Dan^l^ Spencer, Thomas Spencer, John Old, John Granger, James Barlow, Joseph Kent, Thomas King, Noah Kent, Joseph Hastings, Dudly Remington, Benjamin Allin 2^d^, Sam^l^ Spencer, as also Uriah Austin, Caleb Austin & Joshua Austin, their Right & Interest in the Homestead, Lately Anthony Austins Dec^d^, and no more.

And so to remain until they and any of them Respectively shall Desire to be admitted by the s[d] Westerly Precinct, and shall so be admitted by said Precinct and no longer. And also that the sum, Forty Nine Pounds five Shillings and Six Pence, Part of the Cost Expended by the s[d] Westerly Part in Petitioning the General Court to be set off, is Reasonable charge.

Given under our Hands at Suffield Decemb[r] 14[th], 1789.

One of the Like Tenor with this we Have Deliv[d] to Jonathan Sheldin, & others of the Westerly part.

John Stoddard,
W[m] Pitkin,
W[m] Pynchon, Jun[r].

"E."

WEST SOCIETY INCORPORATED.

To His Excellence Jonathan Belcher Esquire, Captain General and Comander-in Chefe of His Majest[s] Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England; the Honorable His Majesties Councell and House of Representatives in Generall Court assembled at Boston, December 5, 1789:

The petition of us the Subscribers appointed a Commite for the Inhabitants of the West part of the Town of Suffield in the County of Hampshire Humbly Sheweth.

That the Inhabitants of the West part of the Town of Suffield in May Last, Presented a petition praying that the said West part of the town of Suffield might be set off a distinct Society, and the Cort was pleased then to order that the further Consideration of the petition should Be Refered to the Then Next Sitting of the Cort, and that no tax should Be Laid on the petitioners towards the Building a Meating House in the meantime, and Recommended to the parties an accommodation of the matter, since which the said East and West part of said Town Have Refered the Consideration of the Cause to a Committee mutually chosen, who Having Been on the spot & mutually Heard and Considered the Cause on the 14[th] of this Instant December, and during this session of the Cort determined we should be set off a distinct Society.

Wherefore your petitioners most Humbly move the said West part of Suffield may now be set off a distinct Society according to the Determination of the said Committee Herewith presented, and whereas there was a tax of Three Hundred Pounds in town pay Raised by a voate of s[d] town to be Improved towards the Building a New Meating House in the East part of s[d] town which is Now Shortly To Be Collected, and whereas there was allso when the town set forward toward the Building a New Meating House a Considerable sum of money In the town Treasury kept and Reserved for that use. Your petitioners most Humbly move that if the Cort are pleased to set us off a precinct we may Have our propotion of s[d] sums according to what we must pay to y[e] s[d] tax to Be Collected, and allso that we may Have from time to time our propotion of the tax to Be Raised for the maintenance of the School, appropriated to the maintenance of a School among ourselves. We Having for a long time paid Rates to the School without ever Receiving any Benefit thereby except ten pounds all which is most Humbly Submitted By those who as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c.

Jonathan Sheldin.
Samuel Kent.
Eb[r] Southwell.
Noah Smith.

In the House of Representatives January 1, 1789–(40) Read and ordered that the prayer of the petition Be so far granted as that the Westerly part of s^{d} town of Suffield be and hereby is set off a Separate and distinct precinct, By the Bounds and Limits Hereafter described. Viz. Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of Thomas Sheldens House Lot about three quarters of a mile Westerly of the Meating House, and from the s^{d} Corner of the s^{d} Homelot the line to Run Southwardly By Strait Course to the Westerly Side of the now Dwelling House of Thos Spencer, Standing Near the Highway Leading from the Town to Tainters Hill, so called, and from the s^{d} Westerly Side of s^{d} Spencers House, the same Course to y^{e} Colony Line. And from the s^{d} Corner of the s^{d} Sheldens Lot to Run Sometimes Northwardly and Sometimes Westerdly in the Highway leading from thence as the Highway Runs to James Barlows, Joseph Kent, Noah Kent, Joseph Hastings and So on in the s^{d} Highway untill it meat the Highway leading from Joseph Pomery To the Northerdly end of the Town, and from the meating of the s^{d} Highway North a line Run by the needle of y^{e} Instrument to Springfield Bounds, and all the Land from the s^{d} Bounds or Line from Easterdly to Westerdly, and from Northerdly to Southwardly Belonging to s^{d} town Be the Extent of s^{d} precinct. Saving: that all the persons Hereafter Named together with all their Lands & Estates Lying and Beaing with the Bounds aforementioned Be and Remain to the other part of the s^{d} Town, and Not to Be Subjected to any taxes within the s^{d} Precinct.

Namely: Joseph Remington, Benjah Austin, William Hamlin, John Hale, Dan^{ll} Spencer, Thos: Spencer, John Old, John Grainger, James Barlow, Joseph Kent, Thos: King, Noah Kent, Joseph Hastings, Dudley Remington, Benjamin Allen 2^{d}, Sam^{ll} Spencer as allso Uriah Austin, Caleb Austin, Joshua Austin their Right and Interest in the Homestead lately Anthony Austin Deceased, and no more, and so to remain until they, or any of them shall Desire to be admitted by y^{e} s^{d} Westerdly part and shall be so admitted to s^{d} Precinct, and no longer unless this Court shall otherwise order, and allso that Forty Nine Pounds, five shillings and six pence, part of the cost expended by the s^{d} Westerdly part in petitioning to this Cort, be paid by the s^{d} Town of Suffield agreable to their Vote of the first of Nov^{br} last.

Sent y^{r} for Concurance.

Eb^{r} Pomery Speak^{r} Protempore.

In Council January 1, 1789–(40) Read and concured.

J. Willard Sec'ry,
Q. J. Belcher.

In answer to that part of the Petition Relating to the Remitance of the tax for Meeting House and School &c, Voted, that the Petitioners serve the Town of Suffield with a Coppey of the Petition that they shew cause (if any they have) on the first Thursday of the next May Session, why the prayer thereof should not be granted, and that part of the Petition is Refered in the mean time for Consideration. Accordingly sent up for Concurrence.

Eb^{r} Pomory Speak^{r} Protempore.

In Councel January 1, 1789–(40) Read and Concured.

J. Willard, Sec'ry.
consented to J. Belcher.

A true Coppey examined p^{r}
Simon Frost Dep^{ty} Sec^{ry}.

"F."

SPRINGFIELD & SUFFIELD BOUNDARIES.

To His Exell^cy William Shirly Esq^r Cap^t Gen^ll and Com^dr in Chefe of His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay: The Hon^ble His Majesties Council and House of Representatives In Gn^ll Court Assembled at Boston May 26^th 1742:

The Petition of the Town of Suffield in the County of Hampshire, Humbly sheweth: That the South Bounds of the Town of Springfield (Viz) on the West side of the Connecticut River, is the North Bounds of the Town of Suffield aforesaid: and that about seventy years since, the Line between y^e said Towns was by a Committee of y^e Gen^ll Court joyned with a Committee of the Town of Springfield run and marked, and y^e s^d Line has been owned and acknowledged by the Inhabitants of both y^e s^d Towns for sixty years past to be the established boundary between the s^d Towns, and has been in a frequent manner Perambulated according to Law by Committees by the s^d Towns respectively appointed, and these perambulations reduced to writing and consented to by both parties and recorded, all without the least hesitation from the time the Law of the Province provided for the perambulating y^e Lines between Townships to the year 1735 when Springfield Committee made sum objections to that ancient boundary which their fathers had set, and in the year 1739 the Representative for the Town of Springfield moved to the Gen^ll Court for a new Establishment greatly hurtfull to the Town of Suffield, and wee having that year no Representative in Court, and being under other disadvantages about our Cause, The Town of Springfield obtained the order of Court for a new Establishment according to their Petition, which Order is greatly to our damage, and as wee Humbly apprehend not according to the Gen^ll Courts practice in causes in the like nature: from whence wee are verrily persuaded y^t our Cause was never sufficiently laid open to the Committee appointed by the Gen^ll Court to hear it, wherefore wee most Humbly move with great submission to your Excl^cy and Hon^rs y^t you would now grant us another opportunity to lay our cause before you for your wise Determination, or grant us such other relief as in your great wisdom you shall think fit, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Timothy Dwight Agent.
for the Town of Suffield.

In the House of Representatives June 15, 1742.

Read and ordered that the Pet^r serve the Town of Springfield with a Copy of this Pet^n, that they show cause (if any they have) on the first Friday of the next full Session why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Sent up for Concurance.
T. Cushing Spk^r.

In Council June 15^th 1742 Read and Concured.

J. Willard secretary.
Consented to:
W. Shirley.

In Council Dec^r 8,^th 1742.

Read again with the answer of the Town of Springfield and the other papers in the Case &c Ordered: that there be a public hearing and before the Court

on this Petition to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that the Parties be notified to attend accordingly.

Sent down for Concurance.
J. Willard Secretary.

In the House of Repᵗᵛᵉˢ Dec 9ᵗʰ 1742,

Read and Concurred.
T. Cushing Spkʳ.
Consented.
W. Shirley.

In the House of Representatives Dec 16, 1742 on a motion made and seconded by the Agents of Springfield and Suffield that instead of a Public hearing as ordered yesterday, sutable persons might be appointed to view the Lines between the said Towns, and report thereon &c,

Voted: That Joseph Dwight, Eleazer Porter, Israel Williams Esqʳᵉ, Mr Samuel Childs of Deerfield and Mr Ebenʳ Witt of Brookfield be a Comᵗᵗᵉ to repair to the lines in controversy, hear the parties thereon, and report what they judge proper for the Court to do thereon, att the next May Sessions, the charge to be Equaly borne by the said Towns.

Sent up for Concurance.
T. Cushing Spkʳ.

In Court Dec 16ᵗʰ 1742. Read and Concured.
J Willard Secʸ.
Consented to W. Shirley.

Copy Examined pr J. Willard Secʸ.

"G."

"Whereas the Great and General Court or Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay on December the 10ᵗʰ 1742, on a motion made by the agents of the Towns of Springfield and Suffield, in the County of Hampshire respecting the Controversie about the Dividing Line between the said Towns. Voted and ordered that wee the subscribers, together with Israel Williams Esqr, should be a Committee to repair to the line in controversie, hear the partics thereon, and report what wee think proper for the General Court to do thereon at their Sessions to be held in May Anno Dom 1743. And having on the 13ᵗʰ and 14ᵗʰ days of April current, repaired to the spot, and fully heard all the proofs and allegations of both the parties, and examined both the Lines with the marks and boundaries therein; wee find that in the year 1670 the General Court granted a Tract of Land of the contents of Six Miles square between Springfield and Windsor for a Township since called Suffield, and appointed a Committee to order the Prudentialls of said Town; who in Janʸ 1674 Run and Marked the Line between Springfield and Suffield from Connecticut River to Westfield Bounds, and that the said Line has been notoriously known not only by the Inhabitants of Springfield and Suffield, but also by those of Westfield, their Neighbours for neer sixty years past; and that there (have) been ancient Improvements limited and Bounded by sᵈ Line; and that the sᵈ Line is run upon, or nigh a Right Angle or exact square with the General Course of Connecticut River against Suffield, and by the Record the aforesᵈ Committee made of those running and marking the Line in Janʸ 1674. Wee find that many

trees were marked by the s^d^ Committee with the letter S. P. for Springfield on the North side and S. for Suffield on the South side and by cutting into s^d^ Trees near six inches deep Wee uncovered these letters in their full and per fect shape, and that the number of the Graines or years growth in one of said Trees (which was the only sound one wee met with) was Sixty Eight years exactly, agreeing with the number of years since the Committee run and marked the Line. The other Trees altho the said letters plainly appeared yet being defective, the grains or years growths could not be exactly numbered. But in the Line that Springfield would have the dividing Line, wee did not find any appearance of antiquity, none of the letters aforesaid, nor any signs of marking, but on the bark of the trees that seem to be of but few years standing. Wee also find that the Bounds of the Town of Suffield are more ancient than Springfield, and that whether Suffield can challinge so far North as the afores^d^ Ancient Line or not: yet Springfield can challenge no further south; And the said Ancient Line wee find to be as nigh due West as can ordinarily be supposed to be run with out Compass, which was the common practice at that day.

* Upon the whole, the Committee are of the opinion, that the aforesaid Ancient Line, Run and Marked by the Committee in 1674, be, and be established as the Dividing Line between the Town of Springfield and Suffield afores^d^.

All which is Humbly submitted.

Springfield April 16^th^, 1743. Joseph Dwight.
Elea^r^ Porter.
Samuel Childs.
Ebene^r^ Witt.

In Council June 2^d^ 1743.

Read and Ordered that the Report be accepted, and that the Boundary Line between the Towns of Springfield and Suffield be established accordingly.

Sent down for Concurrance.
J. Willard Sec^y^.

In the House of Representatives June 3^d^, 1743 Read and Concurred.
T. Cushing Spek^r^.
Consented to
W. Shirley.

Copy exam^d^ P^r^
J. Willard Sec^y^.

A true copy examined by me
Joseph King. Town Clerk.

(Town Acts. Book N^o^ 2, p. 498.)

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* As elsewhere stated, this has remained the north boundary line of Suffield, from the Connecticut River, to the North Bound Stone at Rising's Notch, from that time to the present. When the State Line was established in 1803, this ancient town line was made the inter-State boundary, although it was not on the true Colonial charter Line, being four rods too far north at the Notch, and ninety rods too far south at the river.

"H."

SIMSBURY BOUNDARY WAR.

Simsbury (Massacoe Plantation in 1668), received its grant and name from the Connecticut General Court, May 12, 1670. It extended north from Farmington ten miles, with its north boundary line undefined.

Westfield's grant from Massachusetts in 1669, extended south from Northampton nine miles, its east boundary being the top of the mountain that borders the Connecticut valley. Its south boundary line was unsettled.

Suffield's (Southfield's) grant from the Massachusetts General Court in 1670, was "to the Contente of Six Miles Square," bounded east on the Connecticut River, extending south six miles from the Springfield line to the supposed Colony line.

It was found in 1671, that Suffield's north line at Springfield's southwest corner bound, four and a half miles from the river, intersected the Westfield line, and if continued would overlap the southeast part of that grant, about one and a half miles in width and two miles in length.

To supply this deficiency of land to Suffield, the Massachusetts Court, in 1674, ordered the south line to be extended west seven and a half miles. It was found later that this extension would overlap the northeast part of the Simsbury grant at five miles from the Connecticut River, about one and a half miles in width, involving the title to about 8,000 acres. Both towns stubbornly asserted their jurisdiction, by proclamation and by force,* until the colonial governments fixed the boundaries in 1713. Simsbury held the disputed tract with its supposed valuable copper mines, where now are the ruins of Newgate prison.

Suffield had allotted to its settlers many acres of these lands now in East Granby. They were surrendered, and equivalent lands given to the disappointed grantees.

Massachusetts gave Suffield Proprietors a township in the western wilderness, called Bedford, now Blandford, as an equivalent for their loss.

It must be remembered that this territory was then a dense wilderness, on the outer border of civilization. It is not strange that boundary troubles arose between these towns, during the forty years the Colony line remained unsettled.

I am indebted to Dr. Lucius I. Barber for a copy from the Simsbury records, of the following letters of Anthony Austin, the Suffield town clerk, and schoolmaster; to Jno Slater Sen., the town clerk, and schoolmaster of Simsbury. Though nearly two hundred years old, they have not lost their flavor.

"From Suffield:—These, for the Selectmen of Simsbury.—

"Gentle^{m} and Friends.—We Received a few Syners under the hand of one Jno. Slater Sen^{r}, but wether he wrote as Select men, Town Clark, or by order of the Select men, we cannot understand by his writing, there being nothing signified of that nature, therein: but supposing it to be some oversight, we shall therefore apply ourselves to you as select men, and return an answer to

*In November, 1705, Joseph Sheldon and Jonathan Remington were allowed nineteen pounds by the Massachusetts General Court for their imprisonment at Hartford, for asserting the right of this government to Suffield Township.—Mass. Court Rec., Vol. 8, p. 171. Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. iv, pp. 443, 91. Suffield Doct. Hist., pp. 107, 89, 44, 51.

your desires, as followeth. We suppose that when you wrote to us, you did it rather for customs sack, or by way of compliment, than any reall expectation you had off our complying, or joyning with you in any such motion. Friends, we must tell you that your claims seems to us so unlikely, and also so unreasonable, that we shall be so far from sending men to joyn with yours in running such a lyn; as that on the contrary, if we send any at all, it will be to withstand and oppose you; — at least to manifest our dislike of any such motion. And we would farther, that you should understand that it is our resolve (untill it doth evidently appeare to us that your right is better than ours), to concerve and maintain our towne bounds to the utmost extent of what our honnoured General Court grantȣd us: and we have purchased and payd for. Therefore, Friends, pray please to desist from your present motion. For if your foundation you build on be not surer layd than we imagine it is, your labour and travel will certainly in the end prove unsuccessfull and fruitlesse.

Your Well-wishing friend,

"Anthony Austin, Town Clerk."

"In the name and by the order of the Selectmen.

"Dated in Suffield the 5th 169¾."

"The above sd script entered here March 12th, 169¾. Verbatim per me, being exactly transcribed from ye originall writ." "John Slater, Register."

At the time appointed, for the Simsbury perambulators to enter upon their duties, the Selectmen of Suffield sent two men, to be present at the perambulation, bearing the following letter from the Town Clerk:

"These for our Loving friends and Neighbours off Simsbury Towne —

"Loving friends and Neighbours, According to your desires, we have sent two of our neighbours, Serj. Joseph Harmon and Serj. David Winchell to met with your men at the place appoynted, but not to joyn Issue with you in running any such lyne, but on the contrary, to protest against it, — it being so unlikely, and also so unreasonable that your bounds should come within a mile and halfe or two miles at farthest, of the center of our Towne: and besides, friends, we think that we have the Wethergag of you, or the best end of the Staffe in our hands. For as much as we challenge nothing but what lyes within our province lyne; — Your demannd is whollily out of yours. But yet, notwithstanding, pray let not us contend, or give one an other hard words, but treat one another Lovingly, like Christians, and Let our Authority on both sides Issue the matter: — and if it appear to be your right, we shall not desire one foot or inch of it: if not, we desire yt [we] may enjoy our own peaceably.

"Pr me, Anthony Austin, Town Cleark."

"Dated in Suffield. Feb. 15th, 169¾."

"The abovesd is extracted from ye originall and is here recorded verbatim, exactly according to originall writ, March 12, 169¾.

pr John Slater. Register."

The commissioners appointed by the Massachusetts and Connecticut Colonies to settle the colonial boundary line in 1713, gave the disputed territory to Simsbury. (See note, p. 151.)

PROPRIETORS' ROADS IN SUFFIELD.

HIGHWAY AT TAINTER'S HILL.

March y^e^ 28^th^ 172[illegible]. Then laid out by John Burbank and Joseph Winchel (being a Committee apointed for that purpose) a Highway or passage att the hill Called Tainters hill for the benefit of the proprietors of the great Common: Said way begins att the Northward Corner of Samuel Spencers five acres that Lieth Eastward of Said hill: from Said Corner it bares Southwestwardly about Six or Eight perch: then it turns: running more westerly to the top of Said hill to the Town Highway: the breadth of Said passage or way is three perch: bounded on the north Side by Sundery trees mark on three Sides facing towards Said Way. (Prop. Book, Vol. II, p. 61.)

HIGHWAYS AT GLOVERS* HILL.

1725. Whereas we the Subscribers, together with John Burbank were Chosen: and appointed to Lay out Highways: before the division of the great Common for the Conveniency of the proprietors: have in pursuance of that Trust: laid out highways, as hereafter described.

We laid out a Highway on the Eastward part of Glovers Hill. It begins att the North end of the Town Highway and is there ten rods in breadth, thence running towards the North East Corner or End of Said hill: and so forward to the north Corner of the Land in the broad Swamp that was formerly Laid out to Thomas Smith (but now in possession of Abraham Adams) att which Corner said way turns Eastward running somewhat crooked to gain the best ground for said way, until it Come to the hill called Stephenson's hill: and there it meets with the Town Highway† formerly Laid out as may be seen in the Town Book. The bredth of Said way is four perch throughout Excepting only where we began: where it is ten and tapours to four Rods in the space of Thirty: The bounders of Said way are trees markt on three sides and standing on the Westward and northward side of said Way. We like wise laid out a highway‡ of three Rods wide from the north end of Glovers Hill running Westerly tho' sometimes crooking to gain the highest ground until it Come within about Thirty or Forty Rods of the hill which some Call Kings Hill. Sundry trees being spotted with three spots, all standing on the north side of Said Highway. We began Said way att the foot of Glovers hill: joyning it to the highway we first laid out. (Prop. Book, Vol. II, p. 61.)

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*This hill was named for the Rev. Peletiah Glover. It was also called "Buck Hill" before 1703, and still bears that name.

†See "Highway from Springfield Road," p. 219.

‡Unlike other Proprietor's Roads, this has not been worked, or needed for a town highway.

*HIGHWAY FROM YE NORTH END OF RATTLESNAKE PLAIN, TO SPRINGFIELD BOUNDS.

We also laid out a Highway of three Rods wide begining att the gravilley hill att the North End of Rattlesnake plain and thence running towards and until we Came to Springfield Township or South line. We laid Said way on the East Side of the great marsh, some Rods distant from it and on the highest and best ground for the most part. Att the North End of the most norward branch of Rattlesnake Swamp, Said Way turns onto the hill that Lyeth near John Pengillys meadow, on the East Side thereof, and so continues to the uttmost Extent. The bounders are trees markt, all standing on the East side of said way. (Prop. Book, Vol. II, p. 61.)

†HIGHWAY FROM TAINTORS HILL TO WINDSOR BOUNDS.

Also, we laid out a highway South westward from Tainters Hill three Rods wide: it begins neer Samuel Smiths house, thence running towards the School meadow, untill neer it and so along by that and the ministry meadow on the highest and best ground, untill it Come to the Toungue of upland that bares in length to the East on which we laid out said way thirty or forty Rods, then it turns South running to Windsor bounds on the East side of the Swamp commonly Called Dismal. Several trees markt for bounders all standing on the East side of the Said way. (Prop. Book, Vol. II, p. 61.)

Joseph Winchel,
John Pengilly, Committee.

HIGHWAYS BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN.

April y^e 9^th 1739: We the Subscriber's pursueant to a vote of the proprietors of the Common and undivided Land in Suffield: have laid out sundrey highways westward of the mountain for the benefit of the said proprietor's: ‡One of which we laid out on the hill Eastward of the §Green pond: beginning at a large white oak tree: that stands in the ¶Town's Highway with stones about it: markt H: I W: I K: thus: which highway is three Rods in breadth and to ly on the west side of said tree and the other boundery hereafter mentioned: from which tree said highway runs South fourteen degrees west: fifty nine Rods: to a large Chestnut tree markt: thence the same point Twenty four Rods, to a white oak tree markt: Thence it runs South: nineteen degrees west forty Rods: to a white birch: that stands down the hill on the west side of a little swamp: and is markt: having stones att the root: Thence it runs South five degrees west forty eight Rods: to a Chestnut tree standing a little Southward from a small run of water: Said tree being markt: Thence it runs South seventeen degrees West, seven Rods to a white oak tree, markt:

*The south part of this way was relaid by the town in 1764. (T. Rec., Vol. II.)

†This was relaid by the town in 1768 with metes and bounds. (T. Rec., Vol. II, p. 224.)

‡This highway runs south from the dwelling-house of the late Apollos Phelps.

§The "Green Pond" was drained by the excavations for the Canal Rail Road, which was permanently enjoined in 1856.

¶For this Town Highway see p. 264.

thence said way runs South Twenty six degrees, west: Thirty seven Rods: to a Chestnut tree markt: Thence South, Twenty five degrees, West, sixty Rods to a white oak tree markt: Thence it runs South thirty two degrees West, forty two Rods: to a small white oak tree markt: standing on falling ground to the Southward: thence said way runs South thirty degrees to the west forty Rods: to a Red oak tree standing a little Northward of the province line: Thence it runs South, thirty degrees to the West to Symsbury North line of their Township. (Prop. Book, Vol. I, p. 82.)

*HIGHWAY BEYOND THE GREEN POND.

Also we laid out a Highway Westward of the mountain: on the Second hill West of the Green pond: beginning by the towns highway: att a heap of Stones, standing on the South side thereof: We laid said way three Rods wide and is to take its breadth Eastwardly of the boundaris hereafter mentioned: from said heap of stones, Said highway runs South 16 degrees West: by the needle of the Compass; forty Rod: to a pine tree markt: thence the same Course sixty Rods: to a Walnut tree markt: Standing on the Eastwardly side of a little Swamp or pond: Thence it runs South Thirty four degrees West: twenty four Rod: to a black oak staddle markt: thence it runs South twenty one degrees West Twenty four Rod: to a pine tree standing on a hill and markt: Thence it runs South Twenty seven degrees West: Twenty four Rod: to a pine tree standing on Said hill: Said tree being markt: from which pine tree said way runs South Twenty five degrees West: forty eight Rod: to a White oak; standang a little Westward of a little brook; and being likewise markt: Thence it runs South sixteen degrees to the East five Rod: to a large Red Oak tree: standing close by and on the West side of Said brook: From thence Said way runs South fifteen degrees West, Seventy four Rods to Two pine trees standing neer together and markt: the East most of the Two: Thence South five degrees East: forty four Rod: to a small walnut Staddle: and contineue that course untill it meet with Symsbury line. (Prop. Book, Vol. I, p. 82.)

Joseph Winchel.
Joseph King.

†HIGHWAY FROM BUSHES BRIDGE TO SPRINGFIELD BOUNDS.

We the Subscribers being Directed by the proprietors of that Land in Suffield Commonly Called the great Common to lay out highways in Said Common for the benefit of the proprietors: And understanding that between Bushes bridge and Springfield bounds there is as yet no highway recorded as we can find: Have therefore this eighteenth day of June 1742: Laid out a highway from Springfield bounds down to Said bridge: five Rods in breadth: Said way is So laid for the most part as to take in some of the occupied path: that leads from Said bridge towards Westfield: it begins att the North Corner of Land formerly laid out for Ebenezer Burbank: which Corner is stake and

*This highway runs south from near the dwelling-house of the late Edwin P. Stevens.

†This highway remains the same to-day. In 1687 the town voted to lay out a highway here, but fifty years later there was only a path. This was then, as now, the most direct route from High Street to Westfield.

stone, standing in the South line of Springfield Township: about Three Rods Distant from the said path: and on the East side thereof: from which stake it runs Southwardly eighteen Rods and half to the Westward Corner of Said Land: Thence it runs by Land Laid out to John Burbank forty four Rods to his West Corner: Which stands five or six Rods west of Thomas Kings house: thence it runs on the North side of the path to a White oak bush markt: thence forward to a White Oak Tree markt, standing on the top of the hill on the North side of the path: being a little distant from a run of water: thence it runs down the hill or falling ground to an ash tree markt standing neer said water: Thence forward a few Rods to a pine tree markt: on three sides: thence it runs a straight Line to the North Corner of Hanchets Land: Thence said way runs Southwardly by said Hanchets Land to the West Corner thereof: Thence Said way runs southwardly to a great pine tree markt standing on the East side of the said path: Thence it runs forward to a small pine tree markt standing by a parting of paths: Thence it runs southwardly to a pine tree markt standing on the East side of said path: Thence it runs a straight line to a boundary standing five Rods Eastward from the East Corner of the Land Where Benjamin Granger now dwells: Thence from said Grangers Corner: Thence Southwardly: Said highway bounds on Said Grangers Land and his fathers Land: rounding untill it Come to a White oak tree neer Said Bushes bridge markt and standing on the South side of Said way. (Prop. Book, Vol. II, p. 58.)

Joseph Winchel.
John Pengilly.

*HIGHWAYS UPON THE MOUNTAIN.

We the Subscribers: being chosen and appointed to lay out highways on the Mountain as we might think proper and Needfull: have accordingly in the pursueance of that trust reposed in us: have this seventh day of January 174¾ Laid out Two highways on the mountain: according as hereafter described. One of which begins att the South East Corner of Westfield Township. Thence it runs Southwardly untill it meet with the Town high (way) att the elbo thereof where it turns Westward att the North East Corner of Lt. Kings Land: and where the path Called Hamton old Road goes: Said highway is in the General a pretty straight Course yet hath some small turnings to gain the best ground and shun some Rocks: We laid said way Two Rods in breadth: taking its breadth Westward from the trees which we markt to bound the East side of said way: Which trees are manny all markt with an ax on three sides viz: North, South: and West: The other highway we laid out on the West side of the Short mountain, it begins att a great heap of stones: which devids between Westfield and Suffield Townships and thence runs South about eleven degrees West untill it meet with the Town highway that leads Cross the mountain: We Laid Said Way Likewise Two Rods wide: there manny trees markt for the bounds of Said way all standing on the East side thereof. (Prop. Book, Vol. I, p. 40.)

} Committee.

*The present highway around Cold Spring (Short) Mountain laid in 1822, caused these to be closed, also the one over the mountain (see p. 264), westward from the present house of Lyman Griffin.

CONCLUSION.

In 1876, the writer began the transcription and the study of the town's earliest records and history, with the thought perhaps of collating its most important events in the form of annals. It was to him an unknown field, whose exploration from that time to the present, has given unalloyed pleasure, and often afforded a relief from the common cares and anxieties of life.

When the manuscript containing what is found in Period I, was placed in the printer's hands, the writer deemed his work at an end. But the same fascinating desire to study the acts of the new-born town, and preserve them from a possible oblivion, led to the publication of Periods II and III, with a "Title and Introductory," prefixed to Period I. This must account for the desultory arrangement of the work. A single merit is claimed for it, as being a correct and literal transcript of the text, with only needful punctuation marks added. When the old records shall have become illegible, or crumbled to dust, these pages may tell the future historian or annalist for Suffield, the story of its planting and growth, while under Massachusetts Government for three-quarters of a century. My pleasant self-imposed task is finished.

SUFFIELD, June, 1888. H. S. S.

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